

ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOO'S NEST

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EXT. WORK FARM - NIGHTFALL

All we SEE is an ELEVATED SHOT of the distant mountains, rolling landscape and McMURPHY -- one cheek laid-open and crusted over with dried blood, his face and prison work clothes caked with dried sweat and dust -- as he sits on the very top of a water tower watching the last rays of sunlight.

A long moment passes before McMurphy's attention is drawn elsewhere and he looks down.

REVERSE SHOT - McMURPHY'S POV

Far below, in the prison yard a MAN is SEEN hurrying across the yard where he joins a group of men composed of armed prison guards, officials, and medics -- a stretcher, an ambulance, a fire truck and safety nets spread out at the base of the water tower. The man is seen talking to the officials, then a bullhorn is handed to him and they all look up at McMurphy.

McMURPHY

As he looks down at them, a searchlight is turned on him.

MAN (V.O.)  
(through bullhorn)  
McMurphy! This is Doctor Shankle,  
from the infirmary. Can you hear  
me?

McMurphy doesn't respond.

SHANKLE (V.O.)  
(through bullhorn)  
Can you hear me, McMurphy?

McMurphy doesn't respond. Another searchlight goes on as a SECOND VOICE is PICKED UP on the BULLHORN.

SECOND VOICE  
(through bullhorn)  
Why don't we blast 'im, for Christ  
sake, he ain't gonna come down...  
you...

The BULLHORN is TURNED OFF. A long moment passes as McMurphy continues to squat on the tower and wait. He shivers against the coming night when...

SHANKLE (V.O.)  
(through bullhorn)  
McMurphy!  
I have the warden's promise. If you  
come down, nobody will hurt you!  
You'll be in my custody! I promise!

An imperceptible smile appears on McMurphy's face.

INT. MEN'S DORM - OREGON STATE HOSPITAL - DAWN

Strange HUMMING SOUNDS, CLANKING PIPES and HISSING RADIATORS as we see beds, with patients lying asleep, line two walls. The third wall is a heavy gauge steel grill, with a door that opens on to the day room. The door is open. On the far side of the day room, a long hallway with other doors opening into rooms: the latrine, washroom, tub room, mess hall, seclusion room, psychiatrist's office, visitors' room, etc.

Across the day room, a glass enclosed nurses' station where TURKLE, a Negro night attendant, is seen preparing to go off duty.

The CAMERA PANS the beds in the men's dorm. One man turns, another twists, a third lies as if dead.

CAMERA PAN ENDS on BROMDEN, who lies still, eyes wide open, very alert. He reaches down, plucks a stale piece of gum from under the bed frame, puts it in his mouth and starts chewing.

A beat, then Bromden carefully undoes the leather strap which binds him to the bed. He slips out of bed and quietly makes his way down the aisle, paying no attention to the other patients, some of who are beginning to stir awake.

Ahead, at the end of the hallway, the door opens and three Negro day attendants, WASHINGTON, WARREN and MILLER, dressed in white uniforms, enter and move down the hallway and disappear into a side room.

Bromden continues his silent journey towards the day room as Turkle emerges from the side door to the nurses' lounge, goes up the hallway as MISS PILBOW, the day nurse, comes in, passing Turkle on the way out. She crosses to the nurses' station and enters as Bromden reaches the day room.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

as Bromden makes his way across the day room, past the nurses' station, unnoticed by Miss Pilbow who is busy preparing the day's medication.

Bromden is sliding along the hallway wall, when he is suddenly cut off by a mop which THUDS against one side of his neck. A second mop yokes him on the other side. Bromden freezes. Terrified.

MILLER

Where you goin', Chief?

WARREN

You goin' t'see the Big White  
Fathuh?

WASHINGTON

He goin' t'see the Big White  
Muthuh...

They cackle, legs jiving, as the ammonia stings Bromden's eyes and burns his nose. He tries to twist his head, but Washington jams the mop harder. Bromden freezes, panic spreading across his face.

WASHINGTON (CONT'D)

Haw, look at 'im, big 'nough to eat  
apples off my head an' he mine me  
like a baby...

A KEY is HEARD hitting the lock in the main door. Washington  
very adroitly releases Bromden, hands him the mop, and turns,  
along with Warren and Miller, to their duties, as BIG NURSE  
enters the ward.

THREE ATTENDANTS

(simultaneously, as Big  
Nurse passes)  
Mornin', Miss Ratched...

BIG NURSE

Good morning, boys.

She sweeps by and disappears into the nurses' station. The  
three attendants put their mops and rags aside and start  
towards the men's dorm, leaving Bromden pressed against the  
wall, mop in hand.

INT. NURSES' STATION

as Big Nurse enters to be greeted by Miss Pilbow, who wears  
an enormous cross between her breasts.

MISS PILBOW

Good morning, Miss Ratched. It's a  
beautiful day, isn't it?

BIG NURSE

Mean old Monday, Miss Pilbow, mean  
old Monday...

(she flips on the  
intercom)

Good morning, boys. Rise and shine.  
Rise and shine.

INT. MEN'S DORM - DAY

as Washington, Warren and Miller roust the patients out of  
bed.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)

(through loudspeaker)

Time to get up! Come on now, it's a  
beautiful day! Let's not straggle!  
Everybody up, up, up!

The Chronics are physically helped out of bed as the Acutes,  
who can handle themselves, cross out into the Day Room,  
rubbing the sleep out of their eyes. Big Nurse steps out of  
the Nurses' Station. Washington and Warren are hustling the  
patients toward the washroom.

Miller stays behind, stripping Blastic's bed and rolling up  
his mattress.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

as the Acutes straggle past Big Nurse.

BIG NURSE

Good morning, Mister Sefelt... Good morning, Mister Fredrickson. Good morning, Billy, I spoke to your mother last night and she sends her love... Good morning, Mister Harding... Good morning, Mister Cheswick. Mister Scanlon...

Bromden comes drifting by, going in the opposite direction. Big Nurse takes his hand and reaches up and pats his face.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Oh, Mister Bromden...  
(calling out)  
Mister Washington!

Washington comes running.

WASHINGTON

Yes, Miss Ratched?

BIG NURSE

Mister Washington, why don't we get a good head start on the day by shaving Mister Bromden and see if we can't avoid a disturbance.

WASHINGTON

(taking Bromden by the hand)  
Yes, Miss Ratched...

INT. WASHROOM - DAY

The patients are busy washing and shaving.

Warren is assisting a vegetable wash himself as Washington guides Bromden through a cage-like partition... where an antique barber chair stands.

WASHINGTON

(calling as he goes)  
Warren!

He sits Bromden down and straps his bands and legs in, then plugs the electric shaver in and turns it on and brings the BUZZING instrument towards Bromden's face. Bromden turns away.

WASHINGTON (CONT'D)

(shouting out)  
Get your black ass in here!

Warren props the vegetable up against the sink.

WARREN

Tha's it... be right back!

Warren leaves; the old man starts sliding.

QUICK CUT TO:

BROMDEN

as Warren enters and takes a firm grip on Bromden's head and Washington goes to work on Bromden's face. CAMERA PUSHES INTO EXTREME CLOSEUP of Bromden's fearfully distorted face as the BUZZING SOUND of the electric razor INTENSIFIES until it is INSUPPORTABLE.

QUICK CUT TO:

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

No sound as we SEE Big Nurse watch the last few patients file past the side door to the Nurses' Station where Miss Pilbow hands out little cups with pills. Washington stands by, checking to see each man takes his pills before filling their cups with orange juice. The last patient takes his pills and returns to his place in the Day Room. Miss Pilbow closes the window.

Satisfied that all is well, Big Nurse turns on an old 45 record player with a stack of records, then she settles down to her work as a SOFT, NOSTALGIC NUMBER from the '40's is HEARD OVER LOUDSPEAKER. CAMERA BEGINS SLOW PAN of the Day Room.

The patients, under the influence of drugs, have settled down for the day. HARDING is playing cards with MARTINI, CHESWICK and BILLY. SEFELT and FREDRICKSON are putting a jigsaw puzzle together in brotherly love. SORENSEN is off by himself, rubbing his hands clean. TABER, pencil in hand, sits pondering over a blank piece of paper. SCANLON paces back and forth. On the Chronicles' side of the room, RUCKLY is turning a grimy photograph over in his hands. BANCINI sits wagging his head, mumbling over and over, "Tired, awful tired..." ELLIS stands against the wall, arms outstretched, hands nailed to the wall by imaginary nails.

Bromden is pushing a mop around.

Washington, Warren and Miller are in the men's dorm making up the Chronicles' beds when O.S. the TELEPHONE RINGS.

CUT TO:

INT. NURSES' STATION - DAY

as Miss Pilbow picks up the phone.

MISS PILBOW

Eighty-two, Miss Pilbow speaking...  
Yes...

(she makes a note and  
hangs it)

... New admission, Miss Ratched...

Miss Pilbow goes to the mirror, quickly preens herself, then turns and flips the intercom on.

MISS PILBOW (CONT'D)  
(over loudspeaker)  
Mister Washington! Mister Warren!

She exits.

CUT TO:

INT. DAY ROOM

as Miss Pilbow exits nurses' station and heads down the hallway, Washington and Warren on her heels. Miller looking wistfully after them.

CUT TO:

INT. MAIN ENTRANCE - STATE HOSPITAL - DAY

Staff personnel are SEEN moving in and out of the main entrance where a state penitentiary car is parked. A DEPUTY SHERIFF leans on the fender smoking a cigarette as SECOND DEPUTY SHERIFF comes out of the building and motions down to First Deputy, who crushes his cigarette out, then opens the rear door to the car.

DEPUTY SHERIFF  
(to an unseen occupant)  
Okay, let's go.

A long beat, then McMurphy slowly emerges from the car. He's wearing handcuffs and dressed in faded jeans, flannel work shirt, leather jacket, black motorcycle cap, and heavy black boots. He's been scrubbed clean and has a Band-Aid on his cheek. McMurphy does a couple of knee bends to get the kinks out of his legs as Deputy reaches in the car and takes out a small gym bag containing McMurphy's belongings.

DEPUTY SHERIFF (CONT'D)  
Let's move it...

McMurphy goes up the stairs, followed by the Deputy, and crosses into the building.

INT. MAIN BUILDING - DAY

as McMurphy enters the building followed by the Deputies, where Nurse Pilbow, McMurphy's folder in hand, and Washington and Warren stand waiting -- all in a pleasant, receptive mood. First Deputy hands McMurphy's gym bag to Washington, who hands it to Warren.

SECOND DEPUTY  
Okay, this is it!

McMurphy turns and holds out his hands. As cuffs are removed, McMurphy impulsively takes hold of the Deputy's head and plants a kiss on his forehead.

SECOND DEPUTY (CONT'D)  
(squirming out of  
McMurphy's grasp)  
Jesus, you're crazy, McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, ain't that the truth.

DEPUTY SHERIFF  
(to Miss Pilbow)  
He's all yours, Miss.

MISS PILBOW  
Thank you, Officer...

The two Deputies start down the stairs.

MCMURPHY  
So long, fellas...

The two Deputies merely shrug their backs at McMurphy who takes a deep breath of fresh air.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
Yes, sir, it's a mighty nice fall  
day...

MISS PILBOW  
This way, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
Yes, ma'am...

McMurphy follows Nurse Pilbow into the hallway as the door closes behind them.

CUT TO:

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Other STAFF MEMBERS are administrative personnel are SEEN as McMurphy walks alongside Nurse Pilbow, who is noticeably nervous by his close proximity. Washington and Warren casually bringing up the rear.

MCMURPHY  
(as he peels the Band-Aid  
off, revealing a scar)  
I tell ya, these goons showered me  
at the courthouse this morning,  
last night at the jail, and I swear  
they'd have swabbed my ears out on  
the way over if they could've found  
the facilities...

A young Japanese nurse, named ITSU, passes by.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
(to Nurse Itsu)  
Hey, how ya doin', cutie?



NURSE ITSU  
Okay. How you doing?

MCMURPHY  
Just great!  
(calling after her)  
See ya around!

Nurse Itsu laughs and disappears around the corner.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
(to Nurse Pilbow)  
Yes, sir, I sure am gonna enjoy my  
stay here.

MISS PILBOW  
I'm sure you will.

MCMURPHY  
(to Nurse Pilbow)  
Ya know, I ain't never been in an  
institution of psychology before.

MISS PILBOW  
Oh...

They arrive at the ward door. Nurse Pilbow unlocks the door  
and opens it as...

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, I'm here on a ninety-day  
observation period. Short-timer,  
like they say...

Soft nostalgic MUSIC is HEARD OVER.

MISS PILBOW  
Of course.  
(indicating door)  
Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
After you, ma'am.

MISS PILBOW  
Thank you.

Nurse Pilbow enters the ward and McMurphy watches her cross  
the visitors' area to a heavy-gauge steel screen wall, with  
security gate which she opens.

MCMURPHY  
(to Washington and Warren  
as they step into ward)  
Man, there sure is an awful lot of  
poontang around here.

SPIVEY  
(calling)  
Hold it!

McMurphy turns to see DOCTOR SPIVEY approaching.

SPIVEY (CONT'D)

Good morning, boys.

WASHINGTON AND WARREN

(simultaneously as Spivey  
passes into the ward)

Mornin', Doctor Spivey.

SPIVEY

Great day for fishing.

WASHINGTON AND WARREN

(simultaneously)

Yes, sir!

The door closes. CAMERA HOLDS on sign that READS:

SMILE AT THE NEXT FACE YOU SEE. IT MAY SAVE HIS LIFE.

MCMURPHY (O.S.)

Yeah, I was just thinking the same  
thing, Doc...

CUT TO:

INT. WARD - DAY

as McMurphy, Spivey, Washington and Warren cross the  
visitors' area towards Nurse Pilbow, who stands holding the  
security gate open. At the far end of the hallway, which  
opens into the day room, patients can be seen.

SPIVEY

(to McMurphy)

Oh, what's that?

MCMURPHY

Why, I'll betcha there must be a  
million albacore and tuna running  
of the coast right this minute.

SPIVEY

Oh, do you do much fishing?

As they pass through the security gate:

MCMURPHY

Fish! Hell, Doc, I'd like to have a  
nickel for every fish I landed  
between Point Conception and the  
Alaska coast...

Washington and Warren continue down the hallway, passing  
SEFELT, who shyly approaches and waits at a respectful  
distance.

SPIVEY

(to McMurphy)

Is that so?

MCMURPHY

Yup! Worked right outta Depoe Bay  
for just about every season since I  
was able to haul my own weight.

SPIVEY

My, my... Ah, who are you?

MCMURPHY

McMurphy, Doc. R.P. McMurphy.

They shake hands.

NURSE PILBOW

Mister McMurphy is a new admission.

SPIVEY

Ah, yes. Well, we must talk soon,  
Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

You bet, Doc.

Spivey turns to Sefelt.

SPIVEY

Good morning, Jim. How are you  
feeling?

SEFELT

(approaching and pointing  
to his mouth)

Doc, my gungs hurt me.

Spivey starts checking out Sefelt's mouth.

NURSE PILBOW

This way, Mister McMurphy.

As McMurphy follows Nurse Pilbow down the hall, Spivey's  
voice trails after him.

SPIVEY (O.S.)

Have you been taking your Dilantin,  
Jim?

SEFELT (O.S.)

Uh-huh...

SPIVEY (O.S.)

Well, we'll send you over to the  
dentist and see what he can do.  
Okay?

SEFELT (O.S.)

Okay, Doc!

McMurphy and Nurse Pilbow reach the day room.

MISS PILBOW  
Make yourself at home, Mister  
McMurphy...

MCMURPHY  
Thank you, ma'am,

Nurse Pilbow enters the nurses' station, closing the door behind her. Next to the door is a bulletin board which, among other bits of information, READS:

TODAY IS MONDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 1963. THE NEXT MEAL IS LUNCH.  
THE NEXT HOLIDAY IS HALLOWEEN.

Another notice READS:

SIGN UP NOW! BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT STAFF VS PATIENTS.  
Washington, Warren, Miller

There are no other names listed. Sefelt passes by.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
Hi.

SEFELT  
Hi.

Sefelt crosses into the day room where he joins Fredrickson, who is putting a jigsaw puzzle together.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

as McMurphy drifts into the room and looks around. The room is as it was. The MUSIC ENDS. There is a CLICK. McMurphy's attention is drawn to the nurses' station.

McMURPHY'S POV OF NURSES' STATION

where Miss Pilbow is SEEN through a large plate glass window, busy typing a nameplate for McMurphy.

Big Nurse, her back to McMurphy, is turning over a stack of records. She presses the phonograph button. A record falls on the turntable and MUSIC BEGINS as she turns and sees McMurphy.

ANOTHER ANGLE

McMurphy smiles and tips his hat to Big Nurse.

Big Nurse smiles back and takes her seat.

McMurphy turns and drifts into the day room.

Big Nurse looks up and studies him.

McMurphy catches the eye of a PATIENT, sitting by himself.

MCMURPHY  
How ya doin', buddy?

PATIENT  
Poorly, thank you.

MCMURPHY  
Oh, yeah? What's ailing ya?

PATIENT  
I got the fever.

MCMURPHY  
Well, that's too bad...

Taber, pencil and paper in hand, crosses to McMurphy and taps him on the shoulder.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
Yeah, buddy?

TABER  
Are you a doctor?

MCMURPHY  
No, 'fraid not...

Taber walks away.

Martini tugs at McMurphy's sleeve.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
Yeah, buddy?

MARTINI  
Can you borrow me a dime?

MCMURPHY  
Sorry, buddy, I'm clean outta change...

Scanlon moves in.

SCANLON  
Got a cigarette?

MCMURPHY  
Sure...

MARTINI  
Me too! Me too!

As McMurphy hands out his cigarettes Bromden drifts by, mop in hand.

MCMURPHY  
Hey, how's it look up there, big boy?

SCANLON  
He can't hear you. He's just a deaf and dumb Indian!

MCMURPHY

That right?

HARDING (O.S.)  
Martini, it's your turn!

Martini is staring off into space.

HARDING (O.S.) (CONT'D)  
Martini!

MCMURPHY  
(to Martini)  
Your buddy is callin' ya.

Martini crosses back to the card game as Taber returns.

MCMURPHY  
What's troubling ya, buddy?

TABER  
I want you to write me a letter to  
my brother for a hundred dollars to  
bury me.

MCMURPHY  
You look pretty healthy to me.

TABER (CONT'D)  
I'm the next one.

MCMURPHY  
How do ya know that?

TABER (CONT'D)  
Because I quit breathing.

MCMURPHY  
You're breathin' right now.

Taber walks away.

McMurphy watches him go.

Nearby, an OLD VEGETABLE squeaks.

MCMURPHY  
(crossing to him)  
What's that, Pop?

The old man squeaks again.

MCMURPHY  
(leaning in close)  
Can't hear ya, old-timer.

OLD VEGETABLE  
Ain't this a pisser?

MCMURPHY  
Hell, compared to where I just come  
from, this is a country club.

McMurphy crosses to the card game and stands watching the game.

MCMURPHY  
Whatcha boys playin'?

BILLY  
H-H-Hearts.

MCMURPHY  
Shoot! No wonder you don't care  
nothin' 'bout showin' your hand.

Billy holds his hand close to his chest.

MCMURPHY  
What's your name, buddy?

BILLY  
B-B-Billy.

MCMURPHY  
Well, put 'er there, Billy boy, my  
name's McMurphy.

They shake hands.

MCMURPHY  
What I wanna know is who's the top  
loony around here?

BILLY (CONT'D)  
Y-Y-You m-mean th-the pr-president  
of the P-P-Patients C-Council?

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, that'll do for openers!

BILLY (CONT'D)  
(to Harding)  
H-H-Harding, the m-m-man w-wants to  
t-talk to you, y-you're the pr-pr  
pr...

HARDING  
Does he have an appointment?

CHESWICK  
Yeah, do you have an appointment?

MCMURPHY  
What for?

CHESWICK  
(to Harding)  
What for?

HARDING  
I'm a busy man!

CHESWICK  
(to McMurphy)  
He's a busy man!

A beat; then:

MCMURPHY  
I can wait...

McMurphy picks up a chair and sits down right next to Harding and looks at him. Another beat; then:

HARDING  
(to McMurphy)  
What are you doing?

MCMURPHY  
I'm seeing what a busy man does.

Harding, very nervous at McMurphy's proximity, turns back to the game.

HARDING  
Your turn, Martini!

Martini is lost in the clouds.

HARDING (CONT'D)  
Martini, throw a card!

Martini throws a diamond.

HARDING (CONT'D)  
No, throw a club!

CHESWICK  
Yeah, throw a club!

Martini throws a spade.

HARDING  
Don't you have any clubs?

MARTINI  
No!

HARDING  
Let me see your hand!

MARTINI  
No!

HARDING  
(slamming his cards)  
Well, if you gentlemen will excuse me, I have some pressing matters to attend to.

Harding gets up and crosses to the hallway, gathering his pride as he goes.



McMurphy slides into Harding's seat and rakes all the cards in.

MCMURPHY

Yessir, that's why I came to this establishment for, to bring you birds fun and entertainment 'round the gamin' table...

McMurphy fans the deck out and lays it on the table. Everyone's eyes pop as he scoops the cards up in one movement -- he's a card shark, a magician -- leaving the Acutes with their mouths hanging open.

MCMURPHY

Easy now, don't smudge 'em, we got lots of games ahead of us...

BIG NURSE (O.S.)

Mister McMurphy!

McMurphy turns to see Big Nurse approaching, Washington casually bringing up the rear.

MCMURPHY

Yes, ma'am...

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

(handing him his bag)

Will you come with me, please.

MCMURPHY

(rising)

Hold the fort down, will ya, fellas!

BILLY

Sure, Mack!

McMurphy walks with her toward the men's dorm.

BIG NURSE

My name is Miss Ratched. I'm the head nurse here. You've already met Miss Pilbow and Aides Washington and Warren.

MCMURPHY

Yes, ma'am.

Big Nurse and McMurphy stop at the security gate to the men's dorm where Miller opens the gate.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Mister Miller, this is Mister McMurphy, who'll be staying with us.

Greetings are exchanged as they pass through.

INT. MEN'S DORM - DAY

as Big Nurse and McMurphy cross down the aisle.

BIG NURSE

We do appreciate the way you have  
taken it upon yourself to meet the  
other patients.

MCMURPHY

Thank you, ma'am...

Big Nurse stops at an empty bed where Warren is turning the  
mattress down.

BIG NURSE

This is your bed. You may leave  
your things in that cabinet.

MCMURPHY

Yes, ma'am...

BIG NURSE

Please use your time to familiarize  
yourself with your new home and if  
there is anything you need to know,  
don't hesitate to ask us.

MCMURPHY

Now that you mention it, I sure  
would like to call my aunt up in  
Portland and tell 'er where I am so  
she can come visit me.

BIG NURSE

All in good time, Mister McMurphy.  
All in good time.

MCMURPHY

Yes, ma'am.

BIG NURSE

Good. Now if you'll just go along  
with Mister Washington, he'll see  
that you're properly oriented.

McMurphy doesn't move.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Is there anything else?

MCMURPHY

Just that I'm glad to be here, Miss  
Ratched. I really am.

BIG NURSE

Good. I'm sure we'll be friends.

They smile, sizing up each other.

MCMURPHY

Yeah, you ain't half so bad looking

for a head nurse.

BIG NURSE

Yes. Now go along, Mister McMurphy.  
Go along.

MCMURPHY

Yes, ma'am.  
(to Washington)  
Lead the way, Sam.

They cross out of the men's dorm.

Big Nurse watches them go.

SPIVEY (V.O.)

What other work have you done?

INT. DOCTOR SPIVEY'S OFFICE - DAY

Doctor Spivey is seated behind his desk, on which are several glass-framed photos of Spivey's family, plus a nameplate: JOHN M. SPIVEY, M.D., and McMurphy's papers.

McMurphy, freshly showered and wearing hospital-issue clothes, sits facing him.

MCMURPHY

Hell, Doc, I've been everything  
from a hoopla man with a two-bit  
carny show to a top mechanic and  
bull goose catskiner for every  
gypo loggin' operation in the  
Northwest till the Army taught me  
what my natural bent was.

SPIVEY

Oh, what was that?

MCMURPHY

Poker!

SPIVEY

I see.

MCMURPHY

Yeah, but you know how society  
persecutes a dedicated man.

SPIVEY (CONT'D)

In what way?

MCMURPHY

They say I'm a habitual hassler.  
Like I fight some. Sheeut. They  
didn't mind so much when I was a  
dumb logger and got into a hassle.  
That's a hardworkin' feller blowing  
off steam, they say. But if you're  
a gambler, all you have to do is  
spit slantwise and you're a

goddamned criminal.

SPIVEY

I see...

MCMURPHY

To tell the truth, ever since I found my natural callin' I done time in so many small-time jails I could write a brochure...

SPIVEY

Yes... Ah, do you know why you're here?

MCMURPHY

Well, ya know, Doc...

(indicating his papers)

Doesn't it say so there?

SPIVEY

(looking over papers)

Well, according to the Warden at Pendleton, you were a disturbing influence on others. 'It appears that there is a potential in him for instigating a revolt among the other inmates.'

(looking up at McMurphy)

What do you think of that report?

MCMURPHY

I don't, Doc...

SPIVEY

(goes back to papers)

Arrested on an assault charge five times...

MCMURPHY

That's correct, Doc ...

SPIVEY

(reading from folder)

The doctor at the prison states: 'Don't overlook the possibility that this man may be faking psychosis to escape the drudgery of the work farm...' What do you say to that?

MCMURPHY

Doc, what can I tell ya?

SPIVEY

Ah, it seems you have no other psychiatric history, Mister Murphy?

MCMURPHY

No, this is my first trip, Doc.

SPIVEY

(closes folder and sits  
back)

Well, you're here for a ninety-day  
observation period, Mister  
McMurphy. I'd like you to  
understand you are here on a court  
order and we are responsible to the  
state. So, I'd like your  
cooperation!

MCMURPHY

You bet, Doc!

SPIVEY

Good. Good.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

CAMERA is on Big Nurse as she stands, in front of a chair,  
doing a deep breathing exercise.

The patients and staff, standing in front of chairs arranged  
in a circle, follow suit as best they can. After a couple of  
exercises Big Nurse sits. The others do the same except  
Bancini, who remains standing, wagging his head back and  
forth.

BANCINI

I'm tired. Whew. O Lord. Oh, I'm  
awful tired...

BIG NURSE

(busy with her papers)  
Somebody please see to Mister  
Bancini, so we can start the  
meeting.

Billy does... gently laying a hand on Bancini.

BILLY

T-t-t-take it e-e-easy, P-P-P  
Pete...

BANCINI

Awful tired...

Billy gently eases Bancini into his chair and sits beside  
him, patting his skinny knee.

BIG NURSE

At the close of Friday's meeting,  
we were discussing Mister Harding's  
problem, concerning his wife...

(reading from logbook)

Mister Harding stated that his wife  
made him uneasy because she drew  
stares from men on the street. Is  
that correct, Mister Harding?

HARDING

Yes, that's perfectly correct.

BIG NURSE

(reading)

He also thinks he may have given her reason to seek sexual attention elsewhere, but he didn't say how. He has been heard to say to his wife, 'I hate you, I don't ever want to see you again. You've betrayed me.'

(she closes book)

So. Does anyone care to touch upon this further?

Big Nurse waits. A long beat.

Harding sits, chewing his nails, tensely waiting, almost wanting someone to begin.

The patients shift uncomfortably, looking in all directions.

McMurphy looks around to see what will follow, when he sees Ellis, nailed to the wall; his pants leg darkens and a puddle of piss forms at his feet. McMurphy looks to see if Big Nurse or the Aides have noticed.

If they have, no one pays any attention.

McMurphy fidgets in his seat, then gets up, crosses to Ellis, unhooks him from the wall, and moves him over a few feet.

The other patients are aghast at this move, look at each other quizzically.

Big Nurse merely watches.

McMurphy crosses back to his chair and sits.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Mister McMurphy, this ward is a democratic community run by the patients and their votes, so you should feel at ease in your new surroundings to the extent you can freely discuss emotional problems in front of the patients and staff. However, the cardinal rule, and I must emphasize this: Everyone keeps their seat during the meeting!

MCMURPHY

Yeah, well, it just pains me somethin' awful to see a full grown man sloshing around in his own water...

BIG NURSE

Yes... We were discussing Mister Harding's problem with his wife. Now, who will start?

(no response)  
Billy.

BILLY  
M-m-m-ma'am?

BIG NURSE  
Would you like to start?

BILLY  
N-n-n-n-n-no, ma'am.

BIG NURSE  
Mister Sefelt?

Sefelt shrugs and sinks into his seat.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister Fredrickson?

Fredrickson passes.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister Taber?

Taber passes.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister Martini?

MARTINI  
No!

BIG NURSE  
Mister Scanlon?

Scanlon looks at the floor.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister Cheswick?

Cheswick wags his head 'no.'

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Am I to take it that there isn't a  
man among you who has an opinion  
concerning this matter?  
(no response; she focuses  
in on Harding)  
Mister Harding, you've stated on  
more than one occasion that you  
suspected your wife of seeing other  
men.

HARDING  
Yes, Miss Ratched, this is correct.

BIG NURSE  
But you have no proof.

HARDING

No, Miss Ratched...

BIG NURSE  
And yet you suspect her.

HARDING  
Yes, that is correct.

BIG NURSE  
Why?

HARDING  
I can only speculate as to the reasons why.

BIG NURSE  
Have you ever speculated, Mister Harding, that you are impatient with your wife because she does not meet your mental requirements?

One of the Chronicles laughs like a child.

HARDING  
Miss Ratched. Given all the conditions of that sublime relationship, coupled with the subsequent annihilation of all that I held to be sacred, mentally, physically and emotionally, the only thing that I can speculate on, at this late date, is how I will justify the very existence of my life, with or without my dear wife.

SEFELT  
What's he talkin' about?

TABER  
Yeah, Harding, why don't you knockoff the bullshit and get to the point.

Several Acutes chime in, "Yeah, get to the point," AD LIB.

HARDING  
The point is, I will carry on until I fully understand what the function of that relationship is regardless of form or content.

Several hands go up.

BIG NURSE  
Yes, Billy?

BILLY  
I-I-I-I-I d-d-don't s-s-see how anyone could lu-lu-lu-love a man who t-t-t-talks the way he does.



TABER

Yeah, Harding, you're so fuckin' dumb I can't believe it.

HARDING

That's a matter of opinion.

SEFELT

Yeah, Harding, where do you breathe anyway?

FREDRICKSON

Through the ass.

Sefelt and Fredrickson snicker into their hands. A few of the others laugh.

HARDING

(smarting)

Is that your sense of humor or are you trying to say something?

FREDRICKSON

(innocence itself)

Now what would I be trying to say?

HARDING

I don't know. I don't know, but it makes me feel very peculiar when you throw in something like that.

FREDRICKSON

Peculiar?

SEFELT

Why?

TABER

Yeah, why?

SCANLON

Yeah, tell us why.

HARDING

I hesitate to go on.

BIG NURSE

No secrets, Mister Harding. Let's get it all out in the open...

HARDING

I mean, the other day you made an allusion to my wife and the possible sexual problems we might be having. I know that to be the case, but the way in which you broached it, if that's your idea of teaching me something...

HARDING (CONT'D)

(his voice rising as he

goes on)  
... or making me aware of a  
condition in my life, then I say,  
categorically speaking, the hell  
with you, Taber!  
I don't have to justify the  
condition of my life to you or any  
of you. No matter what I will carry  
on until I fully understand what  
that function is regardless of the  
form or content. Regardless of the  
fact we must try to understand the  
function of our capacity to obtain,  
to personify the condition, the  
condition of our existence, our  
existence...

TABER

You know what, Harding? I think  
you're some kind of morbid asshole  
or something. You've been talking  
about your wife ever since I can  
remember. You know, she's on your  
mind and blah, blah, blah and on  
and on and when are you going to  
wise up and turn her loose!

FREDRICKSON

Yeah, wise up, Harding.

SEFELT

Yeah, turn her loose!

ACUTES

(start pouring it on)  
Yeah, who do you think you are  
anyway?... He thinks he's God  
Almighty... He's a snob... He's a  
schmuck... Dumbbell... Creep...  
Cretin... Idiot... Get rid of  
him... Ship him upstairs...

RUCKLY

(chiming in)  
Fffffffuck da wife...

BANCINI

(wagging his head)  
Tired... Awful tired...

ACUTES

(not letting up)  
Zap him... Give 'im lobotomy... Cut  
his nuts off... He doesn't have  
any... Fag... Pervert.

BANCINI

(in a strong angry voice)  
I'm tired!

Everyone hushes.

BIG NURSE  
Somebody see to Mister Bancini.

Two or three Acutes get up and try to soothe Bancini, but he isn't to be hushed.

BANCINI  
Tired. Tired. Oh God, I'm tired...

Big Nurse nods to Washington, who goes to Pete, and gives his arm a jerk toward the door. Bancini is unmovable.

Big Nurse signals Nurse Pilbow, who heads for the nurses' station.

Washington senses danger, lets go of Pete's arm, backs away.

WASHINGTON  
You a good boy, Mistah Bancini...

Nurse Pilbow returns, hypodermic needle in hand.

Pete turns to his fellow inmates.

BANCINI  
You see... it's a lotta baloney...  
It's all a lotta baloney...

NURSE PILBOW  
Yes, yes, Mister Bancini, now if  
you'll just be calm...

BANCINI  
That's all it is, just a lotta  
baloney. Ya see, I can't help it,  
can't...

NURSE PILBOW  
(working her way around  
Bancini)  
Yes, I know, I know...

She gets him in the ass, with the needle, and springs back.

BANCINI  
... don't ya see. I was born dead.  
Not you. You wasn't born dead.  
Ahhh, it's been so hard...  
(starts going over,  
slowly; sighing and  
crying)  
Tired... I'm tired... aw-ful  
tired...

McMurphy looks around at the others.

Each patient is locked in his own world -- oblivious to Bancini's state.

EXT. BASKETBALL COURT - DAY

WIDE SHOT of entire court, surrounded by a high fence topped off with barbed wire, as Washington and Warren escort the Acutes -- including Bromden, Ellis, a lobotomy case and several other Chronicles -- through the gate onto the court, which is run down, with cracks in its surface and leaves scattered everywhere.

Martini, who is carrying the ball, runs ahead, followed by Scanlon, where he starts dribbling the ball in a frantic circle, suddenly passes the ball to nothing.

MARTINI  
(as he throws ball)  
Catch it! Catch it!

The ball rolls to the corner.

WASHINGTON  
Martini, there ain't nobody there,  
ya dumb goon! Go get the ball!

MARTINI  
No!

Martini turns away, his feelings hurt. Washington goes after the ball, when Martini goes running after it.

MARTINI (CONT'D)  
I get it! I get it!

But Washington gives Martini a body check and beats him to the ball.

Martini tries to get the ball from Washington, who is quite agile and teases him as he returns to the court where he and Warren start shooting baskets, freezing Martini and Scanlon out.

The other patients just hang around or walk, as if in a prison yard.

Cheswick stands in close proximity to McMurphy and Harding, who stand watching the action. McMurphy finally offers a cigarette to Harding, who accepts. They both light up.

MCMURPHY  
Well, say, buddy, is that the usual  
pro-cedure for those Group Ther'py  
shindigs? Bunch of chickens at a  
peckin' party?

HARDING  
A pecking party?

MCMURPHY  
That's right, buddy. And you want  
to know who pecks the first peck?

HARDING AND CHESWICK  
Who? Who?

MCMURPHY

Ah, come off it! It's that Big Nurse, that's who...

The other Acutes have gathered around McMurphy and Harding.

HARDING

It's as simple as that. You've been on our ward six hours and have already simplified the work of Freud, Jung and Maxwell Jones in one grand analogy: it's a pecking party.

MCMURPHY

I'm not talking about Fred Yoong or Maxwell Jones, buddy, what I'm talkin' about is that crummy meeting and what that nurse did to you!

HARDING

Did to me?

MCMURPHY

Did to you and all the rest of you guys.

BILLY

Y-y-yes! Yes! Y-y-y-you s-s-saw wh-wh-what she c-c-can do to us!

MCMURPHY

What did I see 'cept a grown man gettin' whipped so bad he can't laugh anymore.

FREDRICKSON

It's the questions she asks.

MCMURPHY

Tell 'er to go straight to hell!

HARDING

Miss Ratched is a competent psychiatric nurse, not some, some kind of monster pecking out our eyes!

MCMURPHY

(as calm as blue waters)

She ain't peckin' at your eyes, buddy.

McMurphy grabs Harding by his balls and Harding goes up on his toes.

MCMURPHY

She's peckin' at your balls, buddy, at your ever-lovin' balls.

Harding is doubled over.

SEFELT

That kind of behavior will get you  
a P.A. rating, my friend.

MCMURPHY

P.A. What the hell is that?

SEFELT

Potential assaultive.

FREDRICKSON

Which gets you shipped up to  
Disturbed for a nice little zap  
job.

MCMURPHY

Huh?

HARDING

Electro-Shock Therapy, my friend.  
Five cents' worth of electricity  
and you are out of everybody's  
hair.

MCMURPHY

Tell 'er to go to hell anyway!

HARDING (CONT'D)

And if you persist in your ways,  
they can always ship you over to  
Medical Surgery.

MCMURPHY

What for?

HARDING (CONT'D)

Lobotomy!

MCMURPHY

Lobotomy?

HARDING (CONT'D)

(pointing to lobotomy  
case)

That!

McMurphy looks.

SHOT OF A LOBOTOMY CASE

A vegetable, complete with two half-dollar scars in his  
forehead.

MCMURPHY

As he absorbs this bit of information the basketball rolls to  
his feet and he picks it up.

MCMURPHY

(to Harding)

Is that your sense of humor or are  
you tryin' to say somethin'?

HARDING

Now, what would I be trying to say?

Martini and Scanlon rush over and try to get the ball.

SCANLON

Gimme the ball!

MARTINI

No. Me! Me!

WASHINGTON (O.S.)

Pass the ball, McMurphy.

McMurphy crosses to the court, bouncing the ball as he goes.  
When he reaches the court he holds the ball out to  
Washington, who reaches for it, but McMurphy snaps it back  
over his shoulder to Martini.

MCMURPHY

(turning to Martini)

Pass it to me, Martini.

Martini holds back.

MCMURPHY

C'mon, I'll give it back!

Martini passes to McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

Atta boy, Martini.

He passes it back to Martini, who laughs and passes it back  
to McMurphy, who passes it to Scanlon, who passes to  
McMurphy, who passes to Billy, etc. Bromden just stands  
watching.

MCMURPHY

(encouraging them)

Back and forth, that's it. Shoot,  
man, we'll be takin' on the New  
York Knicks before we're through...

McMurphy looks to see Big Nurse looking out a window at them.  
He catches her eye. She turns away.

MCMURPHY (V.O)

Hey-ya, hey-ya, come on, come on,  
I'm waitin' on you suckers, you hit  
or you sit...

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

The MUSIC is PLAYING. The TV is on the six o'clock news as  
McMurphy, cards in hand, is dealing blackjack to Cheswick,

Harding, Sefelt, Billy and Martini. Fredrickson and Scanlon are looking on as Bromden eases up to the game. Cheswick is at the nurses' station talking to Big Nurse.

SEFELT

Hit me!

MCMURPHY

Hit, you say? Well well well and with a king up, the boy wants a hit. Whadaya know. So comin' at you and too bad, a little lady for the lad and he's over the wall and down the road, up the hill and dropped his load.

SEFELT

Boogered!

McMurphy rakes in Sefelt's cigarettes, adding them to a pile of loose cigarettes, packs of cigarettes, several cartons of cigarettes.

As Cheswick sits down, depressed:

MCMURPHY

'Kay, place your bets.

MARTINI

(holding up a cigarette)  
What's this?

MCMURPHY

That's a dime, Martini.

Martini breaks a cigarette in half.

MARTINI (CONT'D)

Bet a nickel!

MCMURPHY

(to Cheswick)  
Whadaya bet, Cheswick?

CHESWICK

She won't give me any more cigarettes!

MCMURPHY

That okay. I'll take your marker.  
How many ya want?

CHESWICK (CONT'D)

Lend me twenty.

McMurphy counts out twenty cigarettes, marks it down on a piece of paper, and passes the cigarettes to Cheswick, who bets all twenty.

The Sports have come on TV and McMurphy's attention is divided.



MCMURPHY  
(checking the board)  
'Kay, all bets are down, let's  
wheel 'em an' deal 'em.

He deals the cards out, the first one face down, then the  
next one face up.

MCMURPHY  
Big king... little deuce... another  
king... a lovely lady... big ten...  
and a trey... hey, hey, whadaya  
say? Ya hit or sit, Martini?

MARTINI  
Hit me.

MCMURPHY  
(hits with a picture)  
That's twenty up, Martini.  
(turning to TV, he shouts  
across room)  
Hey, Taber, who's pitching the  
opening game?

Taber calls back something but it's lost in the other sounds.

MARTINI (CONT'D)  
Hit me!

MCMURPHY  
Wait a minute, Martini, I can't  
hear a thing.  
(turning back to Taber)  
What?

TABER  
(shouting back)  
Koufax against Ford!

MISS PILBOW (V.O.)  
(over loudspeaker)  
Medication time! Medication time!  
Medication!

MARTINI  
(simultaneously with  
Pilbow)  
Hit me!

McMurphy slams his cards down, stands up, crosses the day  
room, heading for the nurses' station. He passes Washington,  
who stands there waiting to dispense orange juice.

INT. NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

as McMurphy enters. Nurse Pilbow is the only one there.

MCMURPHY  
Pardon me miss, but would you mind

turning...

NURSE PILBOW  
(scared out of her wits)  
Stay back! Patients aren't allowed  
to enter the... Oh, stay back!

MCMURPHY  
All I'm askin' is...

Nurse Pilbow grabs at her cross, screams and shuts her eyes,  
holding the cross in front of her.

NURSE PILBOW (CONT'D)  
Oh, stay back, I'm a Catholic!

Big Nurse enters from the nurses' lounge.

BIG NURSE  
Mister McMurphy. Patients aren't  
allowed in here.

MCMURPHY  
Sorry, ma'am.

McMurphy steps out of the station, closing the door behind  
him.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as McMurphy goes around to the front of the nurses' station  
and queues up behind the other Acutes who are getting their  
medication. McMurphy reaches the window, takes the cup, but  
doesn't take his pills.

MCMURPHY  
(to Big Nurse)  
Pardon me, ma'am, can I ask you  
somethin'?

BIG NURSE  
(politely)  
Yes, Mister McMurphy?

MCMURPHY  
How 'bout turning off that music  
for a while so a man can hear  
himself think?

BIG NURSE  
(pleasantly)  
That music is for everyone, Mister  
McMurphy.

McMurphy leans in, placing his hand on the window.

MCMURPHY  
(confidentially)  
Well, say, how 'bout easin' it down  
a bit so a man don't have to shout!

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
(aware of his physical  
proximity)  
Mister McMurphy, there are old men  
here who couldn't hear the music at  
all if it were lower. That music is  
all they have, and I wish you  
wouldn't lean against the glass  
there, your hands are staining the  
window.

McMurphy jerks his hand away.

MCMURPHY  
Sorry, ma'am... Sorry 'bout that...

McMurphy breathes on the glass and wipes it clean with his  
sleeve.

MCMURPHY  
Sorry to have bothered you.

BIG NURSE  
Not at all, Mister McMurphy...

McMurphy turns to walk away.

NURSE PILBOW  
Your medicine, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
(turning back, he examines  
the contents of the cup)  
What's the horse pill for, honey?

NURSE PILBOW  
It's just medication, Mister  
McMurphy, good for you. Now down it  
goes...

MCMURPHY  
Look, miss, I don't like swallowing  
something without knowing what it  
is!

NURSE PILBOW  
(stepping back a little)  
Don't get upset, Mister McMurphy...

MCMURPHY  
I'm not upset. All I wanna know,  
for the lovva Jesus...

BIG NURSE  
That's all right, Miss Pilbow, if  
Mister McMurphy does not wish to  
take his medication orally, he  
may...

MCMURPHY  
No, that's okay, ma'am. Down it

goes.

McMurphy makes a big show of popping the pill in his mouth, holding his paper cup upside down, for all to see, then moving on to Washington, who fills it with orange juice.

McMurphy gulps it down, not without some difficulty, then he smiles at all the concerned faces and crosses the room to the card table, where he sits to see the Acutes looking at him.

HARDING

Why didn't you tell her to go to hell, lover boy?

TABER

Yeah, whattsa matter, Mack, she too much for ya?

McMurphy holds the pill up and flicks it into Harding's forehead.

MCMURPHY

You boys seem to think you've got a champ in there, huh?

HARDING

I don't see you scoring any points, buddy. And you're just the man for the job, right?

MCMURPHY

Hell, I couldn't get it up over old hatchet-face if ya paid me!

HARDING (CONT'D)

She's not all that homely, Mister McMurphy. In fact, she must have been a rather beautiful young lady.

The men look at Big Nurse.

The patients look at the nurses' station.

PATIENTS' POV

Big Nurse is busy at her work.

INT. NURSES STATION - BIG NURSE'S POV - NIGHT

The patients looking at her. They turn back to their card game.

REVERSE ANGLE

CAMERA HOLDS on Big Nurse as McMurphy's VOICE is HEARD over INTERCOM.

MCMURPHY (V.O.)

(through intercom)

Yeah, an' I'm tellin' ya, she's just an icy-hearted over-the-hump

gal who never got enough of the old  
wham-bam to straighten 'er out...  
Okay, who wants a card?

MARTINI (V.O.)  
(through intercom)  
Me. Hit me!

Big Nurse looks up and studies the men gathered round the table.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

The patients are asleep except for Bromden, who stands by the window looking out.

McMurphy is asleep in the bed next to his. A beat when TURKLE, a fifty-year-old Negro night attendant, slightly drunk, lays a gentle hand on Bromden's shoulder.

TURKLE  
Le's get back to bed, Mistah  
Bromden...

Bromden allows himself to be led back to bed. Turkle fumbles around for the security belt, finds it, straps Bromden loosely in bed, then goes off clucking to himself.

Bromden reaches under his bed and plucks a stale piece of gum from under the bed frame. He starts chewing it when he sees McMurphy looking at him.

Bromden goes right on chewing and looking McMurphy right in the eye.

MCMURPHY  
(whispering)  
Chief? I wanna ask ya somethin'.  
(sings)  
Oh, does the spearmint lose its  
flavor on the bedpost overnight?  
When you chew it in the morning,  
will it be too hard to bite? This  
question's got me goin', won't  
somebody set me right; does the  
spearmint lose its flavor on the  
bedpost overnight?

McMurphy holds the last note, reaches over and rustles through his nightstand.

MCMURPHY  
Here ya go, Chief...

A small object lands on Bromden's bed. It is a fresh package of gum. Bromden picks it up. Examines it. Unwraps it. Deposits his old piece of gum under the bed frame, then inserts the fresh gum in his mouth and starts chewing.

SERIES OF SHOTS

SHOWING the MEN'S DORM, the empty DAY ROOM, TURKLE ASLEEP in the NURSES' STATION, EMPTY HALLWAYS, the NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT AT HER DESK, MORE HALLWAYS... ENDING ON:

INT. MEN'S DORM - SUNRISE

ABERRATED SHOT of INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS SEEN THROUGH STEEL MESH SCREEN -- as the sun rises above the treetops.

REVERSE SHOT - BROMDEN

looking out of the window. His face washed by the sunlight. His eyes have a vague look, almost vacuous, as...

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(through loudspeaker)  
Good morning, boys. Rise and shine.  
Rise and shine.

INT. MEN'S DORM - DAY

as Washington, Warren and Miller roust the patients out of bed.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(through loudspeaker)  
Time to got up! Come on now, it's a  
beautiful day! Let's not straggle!  
Everybody up, up, up!

McMurphy is in bed, not ready for the world, when Washington crosses to Bromden, who is looking out the window, and leads him off.

WASHINGTON  
Le's go, Chief. Le's go get  
ourselves all nice and clean...  
(to McMurphy)  
You too, Mistah Mack-Murphy!

Washington goes off with Bromden.

CAMERA HOLDS on McMurphy as he slowly pulls it together and sits on the edge of the bed. He's naked as he opens the drawer to his nightstand and fishes around for a cigarette.

MCMURPHY  
(looking in the drawer)  
What the...  
(looking around)  
Who the fuck stole my cigarettes!

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

as the Acutes straggle past Big Nurse.

BIG NURSE  
Good morning, Mister Sefelt, are  
your teeth any better?... Good  
morning, Mister Fredrickson... Good  
morning, Mister Harding;

my, my, you've been biting your  
fingernails again...

She sees McMurphy approaching, wearing a towel around his  
waist and a scowl on his face.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister McMurphy, patients are not  
permitted to run around in towels.

MCMURPHY  
I wanna report a robbery!

BIG NURSE  
On this ward?

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, some creep stole my  
cigarettes!

BIG NURSE  
Oh, I had them removed.

MCMURPHY  
What for?

BIG NURSE  
Patients are rationed to one pack  
of cigarettes a day.

Bromden comes drifting by, going in the opposite direction.  
Big Nurse takes his hand.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
(calling out)  
Mister Washington!

Washington comes running.

WASHINGTON  
Yes, Miss Ratched?

BIG NURSE  
Please see to Mister Bromden.

WASHINGTON  
(taking Bromden by the  
hand)  
Yes, Miss Ratched...

Washington leads Bromden off. Big Nurse turns to Cheswick and  
several other Acutes, who have crowded around.

BIG NURSE  
Now you boys hurry along and wash  
up for breakfast...  
(to McMurphy)  
You too, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
Well, say. How 'bout springing a

pack of cigarettes loose?

BIG NURSE

After breakfast, Mister McMurphy,  
after breakfast.

MCMURPHY

You sure run a tight-assed ship  
'round here, don't ya!

BIG NURSE

Yes. Now run along like a good boy  
and see that you wash up properly.

WIDER ANGLE

A beat, as the Acutes wait for McMurphy's next move, then:

MCMURPHY

'Kay, let's go brush our teeth,  
fellas...

McMurphy turns and crosses toward the washroom, singing at  
the top of his lungs.

MCMURPHY

Oh, Lulu had a baby,  
His name was Sunny Jim,  
She put 'im in a piss pot,  
To teach 'im how to swim.  
Oh, he swam to the bottom,  
He swam to the top,  
Lulu got excited,  
An' pulled 'im by his...  
Cock-tail ginger-ale,  
Five cents a glass,  
An' if ya don't like it  
Ya can shove it up your...  
Ask me no more questions,  
I'll tell ya no more lies.

BIG NURSE

watching McMurphy who removes his towel as he enters the  
washroom.

INT. WASHROOM - DAY

as McMurphy enters to see Warren take a firm grip on  
Bromaen's head and Washington goes to work on Bromden's face.  
CAMERA PUSHES INTO EXTREME CLOSEUP of Bromden's fearfully  
distorted face as the BUZZING SOUND of the ELECTRIC RAZOR  
INTENSIFIES until it is INSUPPORTABLE.

INT. MESS HALL - DAY

We SEE the attendants spooning food into the sucking pink  
mouths of the vegetables, a shade too fast for swallowing.

MCMURPHY (O.S.)

What's wrong with you guys?



We SEE McMurphy seated with the Acutes, shoveling food down his guillet. The others are barely touching their food.

MCMURPHY

Why, if I'd have known how soft  
this place was gonna be, I'd have  
arranged for my transfer sooner...

(holding up his orange  
juice)

Look at this here, real orange  
juice!

(slugging it down)

Hooee, that's good. Why, you  
couldn't pay me to leave this  
place!

(slaps his belly)

All this place lacks is a couple of  
sweet gals to liven things up...

He gets up and carries his tray to the proper place, where he notices Miller loading several other trays onto a dumbwaiter. Miller pushes a button and the dumbwaiter goes down. McMurphy crosses to the door to find it blocked by Washington.

MCMURPHY

Stand aside, Sam, Nature's callin'.

WASHINGTON

Nobody leaves here till seven  
thirty.

McMurphy turns Washington over in his mind, then he looks up at the clock above the door.

The time is 7:28. The second hand sweeping its way toward 7:29.

MCMURPHY

Don't know if I can hold it that  
long, Sam.

WASHINGTON (CONT'D)

Tha's your problem.

MCMURPHY

(confidentially)

Who do you like in the opening  
game, Sam?

WASHINGTON (CONT'D)

Huh?

MCMURPHY

(turning away)

Asshole.

McMurphy turns and walks away.

Washington watches him go.

CHESWICK (V.O.)  
I wanna know about my cigarettes!

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

A group meeting is in progress. Doctor Spivey is there.  
Cheswick is on his feet.

BIG NURSE  
Sit down, Mister Cheswick.

CHESWICK  
(not sitting)  
No, I ain't no kid to have my  
cigarettes keep from me like  
cookies! Ain't that right, Mack!  
(McMurphy doesn't respond)  
Mack???

BIG NURSE  
Sit down, Mister Cheswick!

Cheswick sits -- stunned. A beat; then:

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
(to Cheswick)  
You should have thought about that  
before you gambled all your  
cigarettes away. Is that clear?

Cheswick sulks in his seat.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Mister Cheswick, is that clear!

CHESWICK  
Yeah...

BIG NURSE  
Good...  
(opens her book)  
Now, as I recall, we were making  
quite a bit of headway, last time,  
with Mister Harding's problem. So,  
does anyone care to begin?

McMurphy's hand goes up. No one else's does.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Yes, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
Right... I've been givin' some  
serious consideration to what you  
told me about the democratic  
something of this therapeutic  
community of ours, an' I got a few  
things I wanna get off my chest,  
before we get back to Harding's  
problem.

BIG NURSE  
Certainly, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
Right!

McMurphy takes a folded sheet of paper out of his pocket, unfolds it, studies it and begins.

MCMURPHY  
'Kay... Item one... I've been thinkin' 'bout the age problem we got on this ward. You know, the young an' old livin' together, an' I was thinkin' what a great thing it would be if the music was turned up louder. Louder so the old fellas could hear better...

Doctor Spivey nods with approval.

Big Nurse doesn't.

The Acutes are bewildered.

MCMURPHY  
But then I got to thinkin', the music is so loud already, it makes it difficult for the young fellas to hold a decent conversation...

Nods and murmurs of approval from the Acutes.

Big Nurse can only wait for McMurphy's next move.

MCMURPHY  
Well, I was turnin' this dilemma over in my head, when I happened to hit on that old tub room out there, an' I said to myself, McMurphy, I said, that place would make a great second day room. A sort of game room for the young fellas. Whadaya think, Doc?

SPIVEY  
It is worth considering... Miss Ratched?

BIG NURSE  
The point is well taken, Doctor, but do we have the necessary personnel to cover a second day room?

SPIVEY  
Well, since it will be largely the Chronics who remain here, one aide and one nurse should easily be able to handle any situation that might

occur.

(he turns to the patients)  
What do you think, men, is it  
workable?

CHESWICK  
Right, Doc. It's workable.

Several other Acutes voice in the affirmative.

SPIVEY  
Fine!

BIG NURSE  
Good. Good. Yes, yes, I think we  
should give it a trial period. So!  
May we get back to Mister Harding's  
problem...

(she sees McMurphy's hand  
up)  
Yes, Mister McMurphy?

MCMURPHY  
I'm not finished yet.

BIG NURSE  
Go on...

MCMURPHY  
(looking at his list)  
'Kay, item two. Tomorrow, and  
listen carefully to me, you ding-a  
lings. Tomorrow is the opening game  
of the World Series an' what I want  
is to take a vote on switchin' the  
group meetin' to later on in the  
day, so we can watch the ballgame.

BIG NURSE  
Just a minute, Mister McMurphy!

MCMURPHY  
Yeah?

BIG NURSE  
Please understand, the schedule has  
been set up for a delicately  
balanced reason that would be  
thrown into turmoil by a switch of  
routines.

MCMURPHY  
The hell with the schedule, you can  
get back to the schedule next week  
when the series is over. What I  
want is a vote on it right now!

CHESWICK  
I second the motion!

MCMURPHY

Atta boy, Cheswick!

BIG NURSE  
Very well! All those in favor,  
please raise your hands.

Big Nurse casts a watchful eye over the patients.

MCMURPHY  
(raising his hand)  
Okay, raise your hands.

Only Cheswick's goes up.

MCMURPHY  
Come on', what is this crap? Who  
wants to watch the World Series?

Martini and Scanlon's hands go up.

Several Acutes look at them.

Scanlon and Martini's hands go down.

McMurphy can't believe his eyes.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
(politely)  
I count only two, including you,  
Mister McMurphy. Certainly not  
enough to change ward policy.

McMurphy's hand goes down.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Yes. Now was there anything else  
you wanted to discuss, Mister  
McMurphy?

MCMURPHY  
No way.

CHESWICK  
No way.

McMurphy starts tearing his sheet of paper up into a thousand pieces.

BIG NURSE  
(checking her watch)  
Then I suggest we turn our  
attention back to Mister Harding's  
problem. Would anybody care to  
begin?

She looks around.

McMurphy is slouched in his chair.

Harding puts his hands up. No one else does.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Yes, Mister Harding?

HARDING

Yes, thank you, Miss Ratched. Since our last meeting I have been reflecting, quite seriously, on the nature of my problem. Naturally, I'm referring to the capacity to obtain the necessary results in order to obtain... No, no. To personify the very existence of that relationship regardless of the function...

(he stops, chews his lip,  
then continues)

Regardless of the function, we will confront the question of... Yes. Yes. The question of... Existence... Relationship... Function... Confront... Yes, confronting us in the moment of deepest crisis... Yes, the crisis of our souls. Of our souls, which I am trying to fully understand the problem... the problem. Not to shut ourselves off, but somehow... Somehow to understand fully our capacity... to obtain... to personify... the question... existence depends... depends on the question... to reflect... to reflect...

Harding, breaks off, sweating; he begins to knead his forehead and chew his nails.

HARDING (CONT'D)

To reflect...

ANGLE

Silence as the CAMERA REFLECTS: the room, the patients, the staff, the hallways, the hospital, the grounds, the trees, the sky, ending on.

MARTINI (V.O.)

Hold it a minute. What's a man need to buy thum hotels?

INT. TUB ROOM - NIGHT

Bromden is pressed against the wall, watching McMurphy, Martini, Scanlon and Cheswick play a game of monopoly. The others are playing cards or just hanging around, a little chagrined. Billy is most disturbed by this separation.

MCMURPHY

You need four houses on every lot of the same color, Martini. Now let's go, for Christsakes.

MARTINI

Hold it a minute.

There's a flurry of money from Martini, red, green and yellow bills blowing in every direction.

CHESWICK

Let's go, for Christ's sake...

MCMURPHY

It's your dirty roll, Cheswick.

Cheswick rolls the dice.

MCMURPHY

Snake eyes! Hooooee, that puts you on my Marvin Gardens, which means you owe me three hundred and fifty dollars.

Cheswick starts counting out the money.

MARTINI

What's thum other things? Hold it a minute. What's thum other things all over the board?

CHESWICK

(to Martini)

How can a man concentrate with you sitting there hallucinating a mile a minute...

MCMURPHY

You just come on with that three fifty and Martini will take care of himself... Your dice, Scanlon.

SCANLON

Gimme those dice. I'll blow this board to pieces. Here we go...

(throws the dice)

Lebenty leben, count me over eleven, Martini...

Martini picks up a house...

SCANLON (CONT'D)

Not that one, you crazy bastard, that's my house...

Scanlon grabs Martini's hand and tries to get his piece back. Martini won't let go.

MCMURPHY

Break it up, God dammit! Ain't I got enough troubles without you guys messin' around... can't depend on nobody.

BILLY

(from the next table)

Some of us ha-ha-have b-b-been here  
a long t-t-time, Randle, and will b  
b-be here long after this Wo-Wo  
World Series of yours is oh-oh-oh,  
what's the use anyway...

McMurphy slams his fist down on the table, sending the  
monopoly pieces flying. Martini is crestfallen.

MCMURPHY

What's the use! Hooee! It'd do you  
birds some good just to get a  
little exercise lifting your arms  
to vote!

HARDING

A baseball game isn't worth the  
risk, my friend.

MCMURPHY

It is to me! An' if I hafta bust  
way outta this place to see it, I  
will!

CHESWICK

Right!

FREDRICKSON

Oh, yeah?

MCMURPHY

Yeah!

SEFELT

Big man!

MCMURPHY

Yeah, how much you wanna bet?

SEFELT

On what?

MCMURPHY

That me an' my buddy, Cheswick,  
we'll be downtown tomorrow watchin'  
the ballgame while you suckers are  
sittin' around this goddamn  
nursery!

HARDING

And how do you propose to  
accomplish that little feat, my  
friend?

MCMURPHY

That's between me an' myself. So  
why don't you boys just shove off.  
I got some planning to do.



McMurphy sits and resumes his game of solitaire. Martini and Scanlon are putting the monopoly game back together again.

Bromden spots (or he thinks he spots) one of the attendants listening at the door. He wants to warn the others, but doesn't know how.

SEFELT

Maybe he'll just show Miss Ratched his big thing an' she'll open the door for him.

Sefelt and Frederickson smile at each other.

Bromden slides along the wall toward the door.

MCMURPHY

Maybe I'll just use that thick skull of yours as a batterin' ram, Sefelt.

SEFELT (CONT'D)

Why, my head would just squash like an eggplant, McMurphy.

Fredrickson and Sefelt snicker in their hands.

MCMURPHY

You think it's funny, huh?

TABER

Yeah, you don't know how to get outta this place!

Bromden reaches the door and looks out. No one is there.

MCMURPHY

Put your money where your mouth is, Taber.

TABER (CONT'D)

Yeah, yeah, you're a fucking phony, McMurphy!

Bromden turns back to the room to see McMurphy slam his fist down on the table; the monopoly game goes flying.

MCMURPHY

(rising and turning on the others, who back off)

You want me to show ya! You want me to show ya how!

TABER (CONT'D)

Yeah, yeah, show me. Show me how!

MCMURPHY

All right!

He looks wildly around the room, spots the machine, crosses to it and smacks it with his hand.

MCMURPHY

With this thing! I'm gonna put this  
thing right through the window,  
that's how!

HARDING

You mean you're going to try to  
pick that thing up and shove it  
through the window?

MCMURPHY

You're fuckin' A-right, I am!

HARDING (CONT'D)

With your own two hands?

MCMURPHY

You heard me the first time!

TABER

I'll bet a buck you don't do it!

MCMURPHY

You're on!

BILLY

M-M-Mack, y-y-y-you c-c-can't l-l  
lift that thing!

MCMURPHY

Stand aside, son. Any more takers?

SEFELT

I'll bet a dollar.

FREDRICKSON

Me, too...

MCMURPHY

Right!

MARTINI

A nickel.

SCANLON

A dime.

MCMURPHY

Okay. Who else?

HARDING

Twenty-five dollars.

MCMURPHY

(knows he's taking a bad  
bet)

Okay, Harding, you're on.

HARDING

Okay, sucker.

MCMURPHY

Yeah... Okay, stand aside, you  
guys! You're usin' up my oxygen!

The Acutes stand aside and McMurphy steps up to the machine.

He shifts his feet to get a good stance, wipes his hands on  
his thighs, leans down and gets hold of the levers on each  
side, and strains.

Bromden watches, in awe of McMurphy.

McMurphy turns loose, straightens up and shifts his feet for  
a better position.

HARDING

Giving up?

MCMURPHY

Just warmin' up.

He grabs the levers again. His whole body shakes with the  
strain. For just a second we HEAR the cement GRIND. Then his  
breath explodes and he falls back limp against the wall.  
There's blood on his hands. No sound but his rasping breath.  
He opens his eyes and looks around. Then pulls out a  
pocketful of IOU's and tries to sort them out, but his hands  
are frozen into red claws. He throws the whole bundle on the  
floor and walks out. At the door, he turns back.

MCMURPHY

But I tried. Goddammit, I sure as  
hell did that much. Didn't I?

McMurphy exits.

REACTION SHOT OF ACUTES

SHOT OF BROMDEN

looking at the machine. A long beat.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

The patients are getting ready for bed when Billy approaches  
McMurphy, who is in bed.

BILLY

M-M-Mack...

McMurphy turns away from Billy, who crosses to the other side  
of the bed.

BILLY (CONT'D)

M-M-Mack, I-I-I'm sorry!

HARDING

Leave him alone, he's pouting.

BILLY

Y-Y-Y-You leave him alone!

MCMURPHY  
That's okay, kid...

BILLY  
Th-th-then y-y-you're n-n-not m-m  
mad?

MCMURPHY  
No, kid, it was my own stupidity,  
that's what pissed me off.

BILLY  
O-o-o-oh...

MCMURPHY  
What we're gonna have to do is pull  
this ballclub together for our next  
play. 'Kay!

BILLY  
'K-k-kay, Mack!

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Washington, Warren and Miller are at the end of the hallway,  
listening to a small RADIO. We can HEAR the SPORTS ANNOUNCER  
giving the line-up for the opening game of the World Series.

WASHINGTON'S POV  
Way down the hall, the Group  
Meeting is SEEN in progress.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

A Group Meeting is in progress and Big Nurse is honed in on  
Billy.

BIG NURSE  
Try, Billy, try...

Billy tries, but can't talk.

The other Acutes are bored, restive, waiting.

McMurphy has ants in his pants as Big Nurse speaks to Billy.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Was it your idea to visit her on  
Sunday?

BILLY  
Y-y-y-yes...

BIG NURSE  
Tell us about it...

BILLY  
I-I-I-I c-c-c-came over S-S-S  
Sunday m-m-m-morning after ch-ch-ch

church and br-br-brought her s-s  
some flowers, and I s-s-said, I  
said, 'C-C-C-Celia, will you muh  
muh-muh-muh-muh...' till the girl  
broke out l-l-laughing.

Billy laughs at himself.

BIG NURSE  
What was it about her that  
disturbed you so, Billy?

BILLY  
(rubbing scars on his  
wrist)  
I was in luh-love with her.

BIG NURSE  
Billy, were you afraid of her, or  
of her love?

No response from Billy.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
That was the first time you  
attempted to commit suicide, wasn't  
it?

(no response)  
You must try to talk about it,  
Billy.

MCMURPHY  
Jesus Christ, the man doesn't want  
to talk, so get off his back an'  
let's get on to some new business.

BIG NURSE  
Mister McMurphy, the purpose of  
this meeting is therapy. Group  
therapy.

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, yeah, the hell with that  
crap! The World Series is goin' on  
right' now an' that's therapy also!

BIG NURSE  
Let me pose a question to the  
group: do any of you feel that  
Mister McMurphy is perhaps imposing  
his personal desires on you too  
much?

MCMURPHY  
What the hell does that have to do  
with it? This is an important event  
and I want a vote on it!

CHESWICK  
Yeah, let's vote on it!

BIG NURSE  
Will one more vote satisfy you?

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, it'll satisfy me.

BIG NURSE  
Very well. What is it you're  
proposing, Mister McMurphy?

MCMURPHY  
I'm proposing a re-vote on watchin'  
the ballgame!

BIG NURSE  
(to the patients)  
A vote is before the group.

MCMURPHY  
Okay, I wanna see the hands. I  
wanna see which of you birds has  
any guts.

BIG NURSE  
Everyone in favor of changing the  
schedule raise his hand.

The first hand to come up is Cheswick's. Then McMurphy's.  
Then Martini, Scanlon, Sefelt, Fredrickson, Billy and Taber.

Harding doesn't vote.

Big Nurse starts counting the hands.

McMurphy, his face beaming, counts the hands.

MCMURPHY  
That's it! We made it!

BIG NURSE  
I'm sorry, Mister McMurphy, I count  
only eight.

MCMURPHY  
So do I!

BIG NURSE  
But there are eighteen patients on  
the ward, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
(the light dawning)  
You mean to tell me you're gonna  
count those old birds over there?

BIG NURSE  
I'm sorry, Mister McMurphy, but you  
must have a majority to change ward  
policy.

MCMURPHY

Well, I'll be a son-of-a-bitch...

BILLY

B-But, M-M-Miss R-Ratched, y-you n  
never c-c-counted th-their votes  
before!

A beat.

BIG NURSE

(losing ground)

You mean you don't want their votes  
to count, Billy!

BILLY

I-I-I...

MCMURPHY

Well, screw that noise!

McMurphy rises and, taking his chair, he crosses toward the  
television set.

BIG NURSE

Sit down, Mister McMurphy!

McMurphy turns the TV on, flips the channel, then sits and  
waits for a picture.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

I want you to turn the television  
off and return to your place!

A picture swirls onto the TV screen. The ballgame is in  
progress (documentary footage to be used).

Martini rushes over and joins McMurphy. Scanlon follows hot  
on his heels as --

MCMURPHY

Hoo-wee! Man, all I need me now is  
a can of beer and a red-hot.

Cheswick gets up and starts across when --

BIG NURSE

Sit down, Mister Cheswick.

Cheswick stops and stands there, helpless to move.

CHESWICK

Mack...

McMurphy is deep into the game.

INSERT - TV SCREEN

On the screen a great play is taking place, and at the  
breathtaking moment the TV picture swirls into a little eye  
of light -- then nothing.

BACK TO SCENE

The Acutes are left with their mouths hanging open.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(over loudspeaker)  
I want you men to return to your  
proper places. The group meeting is  
not over!

McMurphy continues looking at the blank TV screen as the  
Acutes look from McMurphy to Big Nurse, not knowing what to  
do next when --

MCMURPHY  
(jumping up and shouting  
at the blank TV screen)  
A hit! It's a hit! He's rounding  
first, heading for second. Here  
comes the throw. He's sliding...  
and... he's safe! He's safe!  
(McMurphy whistles and  
claps his hands)  
Hoo-wee! Whatta game! Whatta game!  
Come on, Koufax! Strike 'em out!

The Acutes are stunned at McMurphy's outburst.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(over loudspeaker)  
Mister McMurphy, you are  
deliberately violating the  
rules!...

MCMURPHY  
He's into his wind-up. Here comes  
the pitch. Strike on the inside  
corner!

Sefelt, Fredrickson, Billy and Taber get up and cross toward  
the TV. Harding is the only one who doesn't join them.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(over loudspeaker)  
You men remain seated!

MCMURPHY  
(focusing in on TV screen)  
He's into his wind-up. Here's the  
next pitch... and it's a hit! It's  
a hit!

MARTINI  
(jumping up and down)  
I saw thum! I saw thum!

SCANLON  
Me, too! Me, too!

SEFELT  
Yes, I see it! I see it!



MCMURPHY  
(on his feet, shouting)  
Ya-hoo, let's 'play ball!

The other Acutes pick up on McMurphy and start shouting at the blank TV screen.

ACUTES  
Ya-hoo!  
It's a hit!  
A triple!  
It's a home run!  
A double!  
He's out!  
Whadaya blind?  
He's safe by a mile!  
(AD LIB)

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(over loudspeaker)  
You boys, stop this and go to your assignments! Mister McMurphy, I want you to set an example...

MCMURPHY  
'Kay, it's two outs, bases loaded as Koufax steps up to the mound... Checks the runners... goes into his wind-up... Here comes the three-two pitch... And it's a fly ball into deep center. Mantle is going back. He's going back! Back! His back is up against the wall... and... he catches it! He catches it!

The Acutes are shouting, cheering, stomping and dancing in each other's arms.

BIG NURSE'S VOICE  
(over loudspeaker)  
You men stop this! Mister Washington! Miller! Warren!

Big Nurse's last words overload the intercom and the system peaks out. Big Nurse's mouth continues to work in frantic circles as Washington, Miller and Warren rush to quell the uproar.

INT. SPIVEY'S OFFICE - DAY

Doctor Spivey is seated behind his desk, looking over McMurphy's papers.

McMurphy sits facing him.

SPIVEY  
How are you feeling?

MCMURPHY  
Just fine, Doc... In fact, I think

I might've put on a couple of pounds since I got here.

SPIVEY

Good, good, and how are you getting along on the ward?

MCMURPHY

Come on, Doc, you know as well as I do what's been comin' down in that loony bin.

SPIVEY

Yes, well, Miss Ratched feels that you're a disturbing influence on the other patients.

MCMURPHY

Shoot, Doc, the only one I'm disturbing is that old nurse and her fixed ways. That's all.

SPIVEY

Yes, that may be so, but in making a careful study of your past record, along with your behavior since you arrived here, my feeling is that you are not mentally ill and it is going to be my recommendation that you be returned to Pendleton where they are better equipped to handle your case.

This is the kiss of death to McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

Come on, Doc, you must be kiddin'.

SPIVEY

I'm afraid not.

MCMURPHY

Jesus, that old nurse sure wants my ass in a sling, don't she!

SPIVEY

No, Mister McMurphy, it's just that we cannot offer you the guidance and assistance that you would receive at Pendleton.

MCMURPHY

Guidance and assistance! That's insane! Doc, ya gotta help me.

SPIVEY

I'm sorry, but I can't keep you here.

MCMURPHY

When?

SPIVEY

We'll let you know.

REACTION SHOT of McMurphy.

EXT. BASKETBALL COURT - DAY

Washington and Warren are sitting on the grass watching Martini, Scanlon, Harding and Billy, who are positioned on the court waiting on McMurphy who is under the board with Bromden.

Cheswick and the other patients hang around off court as:

MCMURPHY

(with great physical and  
vocal emphasis throughout  
entire scene)

Okay, Chief. This is your spot! I  
don't want you to move from this  
spot! Never!... 'Kay, now, take the  
ball! Raise your hands, like  
this...

McMurphy raises his hands above his head. Bromden follows suit.

MCMURPHY

That's good! That's a good boy,  
Chief! Now jump and put it in!

McMurphy jumps. Bromden doesn't. McMurphy does this a couple of times. Each time Bromden remains motionless.

HARDING

He can't hear you!

MCMURPHY

I know, goddammit! You don't have  
ta tell me that!

HARDING

So why are you talking to him?

MCMURPHY

I'm not talkin' to him! I'm talkin'  
to myself! It helps me think!

HARDING

It doesn't help him.

MCMURPHY

Well, it doesn't hurt him either!

(turning to Bromden)

Does it, Chief!

(no response)

See, it doesn't hurt him.

(to Bromden)

Jump! An' put it in!

McMurphy jumps. Bromden doesn't move.

HARDING

Well, I think you're just confusing him...

Bromden jumps.

MCMURPHY

Ha! Did ya see that!  
(calling to Cheswick on  
the sidelines)  
Hey, Cheswick!

CHESWICK

Yeah, Mack?

MCMURPHY

Come here!

Cheswick runs over.

CHESWICK

Yeah, Mack?

MCMURPHY

Let me get on your shoulders.

CHESWICK

Sure, Mack...

McMurphy climbs on his shoulders.

MCMURPHY

'Kay, wheel me around to the  
basket... 'Kay, easy, easy. Hold  
it! 'Kay, now.  
(he sees Bromden has  
walked away)  
Hey, Chief, come back!

Bromden doesn't hear.

MCMURPHY

Cheswick, go get 'im!

Cheswick goes after Bromden, catches him, and McMurphy  
latches onto him.

MCMURPHY

Now, wheel me to the basket.

Cheswick, straining under the weight of McMurphy, turns  
toward the basket.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

as Bromden, chewing his gum, watches McMurphy ease his way  
out of bed and silently cross down the aisle, past the sleep  
patients, toward the day room.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as McMurphy crosses the day room, past the nurses' station where Turkle is asleep.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

as McMurphy crosses down the hallway and stops at the mess hall door. He tries the handle. The door is locked. McMurphy looks up at the open transom, ponders it, then jumps up and grabs the door lintel. He tries to lift himself up, but can't make it when suddenly he is lifted up to the level of the transom by Bromden.

McMurphy worms his way through the transom and disappears down the other side.

CAMERA HOLDS on Bromden who waits. A long beat. There is a strange HUMMING SOUND HEARD O.S. Another beat, then the door opens.

McMurphy smiles at Bromden.

MCMURPHY  
(pointing to the floor)  
Wait here, Chief.  
(more to himself as he  
starts down hall)  
Heh, heh, I'll show 'em who's  
crazy.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

McMurphy is nudging Cheswick awake.

MCMURPHY  
Hey, Cheswick! Wake up!

CHESWICK  
(waking up)  
Yeah, Mack, what is it?

MCMURPHY  
I'm leaving. Goodbye!

CHESWICK  
(sitting up)  
Where ya goin', Mac?

MCMURPHY  
Shhh...

McMurphy turns and crosses to Billy.

MCMURPHY  
(waking Billy)  
Hey, Billy. Billy boy, wake up and  
say goodbye to your ol' buddy.

BILLY  
(waking up)

W-w-w-what is it, M-M-Mac?

MCMURPHY  
So long, kid.

BILLY  
Wh-wh-wh-wh...

MCMURPHY  
Shhh...

McMurphy turns from the bewildered Billy and crosses to Martini.

MCMURPHY  
(nudging Martini awake)  
Psst! Hey, Martini, wake up!

MARTINI  
(waking up)  
Yeah, Mac?

MCMURPHY  
Bye-bye.

McMurphy turns to Scanlon.

MCMURPHY  
Scanlon! Hey, Scanlon, wake up!

SCANLON  
(waking up)  
Yeah, what's up?

MCMURPHY  
Shhhh. See ya around the ball park.

McMurphy crosses to Fredrickson and wakes him.

FREDRICKSON  
(waking up)  
What? What?

MCMURPHY  
So long, Freddy. Don't take any wooden nickles.

FREDRICKSON  
(sitting up)  
What?

MCMURPHY  
Shhh...

The other patients are sitting up, some of them getting out of bed as McMurphy turns to Sefelt who is snoring. McMurphy pinches his nose and Sefelt wakes up.

MCMURPHY  
Bye-bye, pussy cat.

McMurphy crosses to Taber.

MCMURPHY  
(waking Taber)  
Up an' at 'em, Taber.

TABER  
(waking up)  
What's going on?

MCMURPHY  
Shhhh. Time to say goodbye.

McMurphy turns and crosses to Harding.

MCMURPHY  
Hey, Hard-on. Wake up, Dumbo.

Harding opens his eyes and looks at McMurphy.

MCMURPHY (CONT'D)  
Ya owe me twenty-five bucks.

HARDING  
What for?

MCMURPHY  
I'm busting outta this place.

HARDING  
That's nice. Send me a post card.

Harding turns his back to McMurphy.

MCMURPHY  
(turning to the others who  
have gathered around)  
So long suckers.

BILLY  
Wh-wh-where ya going, M-M-Mac?

CHESWICK  
How ya gettin' out, Mac?

MCMURPHY  
Shhh... That's for me to know an'  
you to find out.

TABER  
Bullshit. You ain't got no way out!

MCMURPHY  
Oh, yeah?

TABER  
Yeah!

MCMURPHY  
How much ya wanna bet?

TABER (CONT'D)

Ten bucks.

MCMURPHY

You're on.

(to the others)

Let's go! An' keep it quiet.

McMurphy starts down the aisle. The others follow.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as McMurphy and the other patients cross the day room, past the nurses' station, where Turkle shifts in his sleep.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

as McMurphy and the patients cross down the hallway and enter the mess hall followed by Bromden.

INT. MESS HALL - NIGHT

Cheswick, Bromden, Martini, Scanlon, Sefelt, Fredrickson, Billy, Taber and McMurphy, stand looking at the dumbwaiter.

BILLY

Wh-wh-what's d-d-down th-there, M-M  
Mac?

TABER

Where's it go?

MCMURPHY

Out. It's the way out. So just keep  
it in your minds if ya ever wanna  
make use of it.

TABER

I don't believe it...

FREDRICKSON

Neither do I...

SEFELT

Me too...

MARTINI

I wanna see it...

SCANLON

Me too! Me too!

BILLY

Y-y-yeah, p-p-prove it, M-M-Mac!

CHESWICK

Yeah, show us, Mac!

MCMURPHY

Shhh. Wait a minute. You guys are  
gonna screw up my plans. So just



gone on back to bed like nothin'  
happened.

MARTINI

No! I wanna go!

SCANLON

Me too! Me too!

Several of the others chime in.

MCMURPHY

Shhh. Hold it down! I'll take you  
guys down, but ya gotta come right  
back up! 'Kay?

PATIENTS

(simultaneously)

'Kay, Mac!

MCMURPHY

Shhh... Remember this is a  
privilege, so I don't want none of  
you goons fuckin' up. Kay?

PATIENTS

(simultaneously)

'Kay, Mac!

MCMURPHY

'Kay, let's see...  
(he checks the men out)  
Cheswick first ... then Billy...  
Martini... Scanlon... Sefelt...  
Fredrickson... Taber an' the  
Chief... 'Kay

PATIENTS

(simultaneously)

'Kay!

MCMURPHY

Shhh!

INT. TUNNEL - NIGHT

The patients are waiting in the tunnel, which is used as an  
underground connecting system to the institutional buildings,  
as McMurphy gets out of the dumbwaiter.

MCMURPHY

(looking around)

Where's Martini and Scanlon?

CHESWICK

(pointing)

They went that way.

MCMURPHY

Charlie, ya can't ever let those  
goons outta ya sight! Understand!

CHESWICK

Right, Mack!

Far down the tunnel Martini and Scanlon are briefly SEEN as they skitter across the tunnel.

SEFELT

There they are!

MCMURPHY

Hey, Martini! Psst! Scanlon! Ya dumb goons, come back here!

(starting after them)

Come on, let's get 'em!

McMurphy starts down the tunnel. The others don't move.

MCMURPHY

(calling back)

Come on, you guys, let's stick together.

The Acutes follow McMurphy. They run down to the intersection and turn the corner.

No sign of Martini or Scanlon.

Somewhere a DOOR is HEARD SLAMMING CLOSED and FOOTSTEPS are HEARD coming their way.

TABER

Somebody's coming!

MCMURPHY

Shhh!

(he listens then)

This way!

McMurphy hustles the men round the corner as two aides pushing a gurney come wheeling by.

BILLY

I-I-I th-th-think we sh-sh-should go back!

SEFELT

Yeah, my feet are gettin' cold.

FREDRICKSON

Mine, too!

MCMURPHY

We'll go back just as soon as we find those guys! 'Kay?

ACUTES

(simultaneously)

'Kay, Mack!

The band takes off down the tunnel, calling out in loud

whispers, "Martini! Scanlon! Psst! Where are you?"

Down one tunnel and up another -- till they turn a corner and see an open door.

They go to the door and peer out. Steps lead up to the outside world.

MCMURPHY  
They must be up there!

CHESWICK  
Yeah!

BILLY  
L-L-Let-'s go b-back!

Several Acutes express the same desire.

MCMURPHY  
Come on, don't crap out on me now.  
We got two buddies out there!

BILLY (CONT'D)  
I-I d-d-don't know! M-M-Miss R  
Ratched g-g-g-g...

MCMURPHY  
Fuck Miss Ratched!

McMurphy crosses out and up the stairs.

The Acutes look at each other. A beat, then:

MCMURPHY (O.S.)  
Wow! Look at this!

The Acutes don't move.

MCMURPHY (O.S.)  
Hey, you guys, come on up here and  
take a gander at this!

The Acutes inch their way out the door and up the steps.

EXT. INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS - NIGHT

as the Acutes join McMurphy to see the moon low in the sky,  
silhouetting the trees and buildings, and Martini chasing

Scanlon across the wet grounds.

CHESWICK  
There they are!

MCMURPHY  
(his attention elsewhere)  
Hey, what's that?

SEVERAL ACUTES  
(simultaneously)

What? Where?

MCMURPHY  
(pointing)  
Over there!

SEFELT  
(squinting)  
I don't know...

BILLY  
I-i-it's a b-b-bus!

MCMURPHY  
A bus?

BILLY (CONT'D)  
Y-y-yes, a b-b-bus!

MCMURPHY  
Well, shoot, man! Whadaya say we  
take ourselves a little spin around  
the place.

TABER  
We'll get in trouble...

CHESWICK  
Yeah, maybe we ought to go back,  
Mac...

FREDRICKSON  
Yeah, my feet are cold...

SEFELT  
My feet hurt...

BILLY  
I-I-I'm w-w-wet...

MCMURPHY  
(walking towards the bus)  
Go ahead! Go back!

The Acutes cast frightened looks at each other then go after  
McMurphy. Martini and Scanlon join them.

BILLY (CONT'D)  
H-H-How d-d-do we g-g-get b-back?

McMurphy has reached the bus and begins checking it out.

TABER  
Yeah, take us back to the  
dumbwaiter, Mac.

MCMURPHY  
I'm not going back in there. I told  
ya this was a one way trip. Now  
stand aside.

McMurphy lifts the hood to the bus and begins jumping the wire. The Acutes stand helplessly by as the engine turns over and catches. McMurphy closes the hood and gets on the bus to a chorus of, "Please, Mac, take us back... Please..." McMurphy puts the bus in gear and the bus starts moving. The Acutes start running alongside of the bus calling out for McMurphy to take them back.

MCMURPHY  
(shouting to them)  
Get on assholes!

They leap on.

EXT. INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS - ANOTHER ANGLE - NIGHT

As the bus makes a full circle and stops alongside of Bromden.

MCMURPHY  
(waving Bromden onto the  
bus)  
Come on, Chief! Let's go!

Bromden boards the bus. McMurphy lets out a war whoop as he closes the door and starts the bus moving.

EXT. INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS - NIGHT

as the bus picks up speed and churns across the grounds.

INT. BUS - NIGHT

the Acutes look out with wild-eyed excitement.

EXT. INSTITUTIONAL GROUNDS - NIGHT

as the bus careens out the main entrance and down the thoroughfare.

INT. BUS - NIGHT

as the Acutes cast worried looks at each other.

EXT. HIGHWAY

as the bus turns a corner past a sign that reads:

DALLES 6, SALMON CREEK 8, DEPOE BAY 11, CAPE LOOKOUT 22,  
PORTLAND 46

INT. BUS - NIGHT

McMurphy is singing at the top of his lungs.

MCMURPHY  
(singing)  
Your horses are hungry,  
That's what she did say,  
Come sit down beside me,  
An' feed them some hay.

My horses ain't hungry,  
They won't eat your hay-ay-aaaa...

BILLY  
H-Hey, M-Mack.

MCMURPHY  
Yeah, kid?

BILLY  
W-W-Where we g-g-going?

CHESWICK  
Yeah, where we going?

MCMURPHY  
I dunno. Where do ya wanna go?

MARTINI  
I wanna go home!

SCANLON  
Yeah, it's cold!

MARTINI  
I'm hungry.

TABER  
Yeah, we'll miss breakfast!

MCMURPHY  
Breakfast! Hell, I know just the  
place where we can chow down an'  
thaw out before we shoot back on  
home. 'Kay?

BILLY  
'K-Kay, M-Mack!

MCMURPHY  
(singing)  
Soo, fare-the-weel, darlin'.  
I'm gone on my way,  
My wagons are loaded,  
My whip's in my hand...

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. DEPOE BAY - DAWN

The dawn is just cracking the horizon as the bus pulls up  
behind a corroded tin sheet building. A sign reads:

DEPOE BAY, SEAMANIS SERVICE, SPORT FISHING, BOATS FOR CHARTER

Beyond the boathouse is the dock with several fishing  
trawlers and beyond that -- the open sea.

The door to the bus opens and McMurphy gets out.

MCMURPHY

(as he steps out of the  
bus)  
This is it!

as McMurphy walks directly to the wall, alongside the door,  
lifts the edge of the siding, comes up with a key, opens the  
door and enters.

A beat, then the lights go on inside the building.

SHOT OF BUS

The Acutes' faces pressed against the windows, looking out.

INT. SEAMAN'S BUILDING - DAWN

as McMurphy lifts a cold bottle of beer out of a Coca-Cola  
cooler, opens it, takes a long pull on the bottle, then  
crosses to the heater and turns it on.

Nearby, a sign reads: ALL EQUIPMENT CAN BE RENTED

On the walls are old photographs of people with their prize  
catches. Fishing equipment, tackle and wet weather gear crowd  
the room.

There is a counter which McMurphy walks behind and takes a  
bag of potato chips off a wall rack, full of beer nuts,  
hostess cupcakes, etc.

McMurphy eyes the keyboard to the fishing boats. Several keys  
are there.

INSERT - KEYBOARD

with the names of the fishing boats: The Lark. Mary Ann.  
Noel. Annabella. The Capri.

INT. BUILDING DEPOE BAY - DAWN

McMurphy studying the board as the Acutes stick their heads  
in the door. They're all miserable and cold.

MCMURPHY  
Come on in an' warm up. You can put  
some of that gear on to keep warm.  
An' there's beer an' Coke in the  
cooler an' some food over here...

They hesitate.

MCMURPHY  
Come on, don't be shy now, you're  
among friends.

The Acutes come in, Bromden bringing up the rear.

Martini goes for the candy. Scanlon goes for the Coke. Sefelt  
and Fredrickson go for the wet weather gear and boots. The  
others go to the heater. Bromden stands in the middle of the  
room.

MCMURPHY

Why don't one of you boys help ol'  
Chief there get warmed up?

Billy goes to Bromden's aid as McMurphy crosses to a window and looks out.

McMurphy turns and looks out the window. A long beat.

CHESWICK

When do you think we'll be going  
back, Mack?

MCMURPHY

(looking out the window)  
Come here a minute, Cheswick. You,  
too, Sefelt. Hey, all you guys,  
come over here, I wanna show you  
somethin'.

The Acutes cross to the window and look out, saying, "What?  
What is it? Whadaya lookin' at? I don't see a thing."

MARTINI

Oh, look at the pretty boat.

ACUTES' POV

Nestled against the dock is a trim fishing trawler,  
beautifully framed in the bay window.

MCMURPHY (V.O.)

Yeah, did you ever see a boat like  
that? Why, I'll bet you could go  
all the way to Hawaii in that boat!  
Tahiti... the Philippines...  
Tibet...

CAMERA HOLDS on FULL SHOT of the boat.

BACK TO SCENE

A long beat, then we SEE the Acutes, wearing wet weather  
gear, complete with boots and squall hats, each man carrying  
soda pop, food, fishing equipment, etc., being led onto the  
boat by McMurphy who carries a case of beer.

EXT. FISHING BOAT - DAWN

as a white gorge of smoke and water pours from the stern and  
the boat pulls away from the dock, leaving a boiling foam of  
water.

INT. SHIP'S BRIDGE - DAWN

The entire crew is jammed into the bridge, McMurphy behind  
the wheel.

MCMURPHY'S POV



as the dock and other fishing boats slip by.

EXT. HARBOR JETTY - DAWN

as the boat passes out of the harbor and heads for the open sea.

DISSOLVE TO:

EXT. BOAT DECK - DAY

The sun is up. The engine is dead. The ballgame is HEARD OVER ship's RADIO. The men are scattered over the boat. Taber and McMurphy, beer in hand, are sunning themselves, listening to the ballgame. On the stern Martini and Scanlon are trying to rig up a pole. Fredrickson gives them a hand. Billy has a line out. So does Bromden and Sefelt who is seated nearby, fishing the ocean floor when he suddenly gets a bite and looks over the side, surprised. His line goes straight down into the depths. His glasses fall off into the water. Sefelt sighs and slowly begins reeling his line in.

Billy gets a strike and starts fighting the fish.

BILLY

H-H-Help!

MCMURPHY

Ease up on the star drag, keep the tie up, up and work hell outta that fella.

Martini gets a strike and loses it. Scanlon comes up and starts to take the pole from him.

SCANLON

My turn.

MARTINI

(hanging onto the pole)

No.

They start a tug of war. Fredrickson tries to break it up, when he gets a strike and his line spins out.

Billy's fish breaks into the sun in a shower of silver scales, and he gets so excited he lets the end of the pole go down and the line snaps.

MCMURPHY

Up, I told you! Keep that tip up...  
up! You had you one big silver there.

Fredrickson lands his salmon in a spray of scales and blood.

The fish is flopping all over the deck. Billy grabs the fish and wrestles it down.

Bromden lands a fish when --

SEFELT (O.S.)

Oh, my God! I see something!

Everyone rushes over to Sefelt and looks down into the water.

REVERSE SHOT

Deep down in the water a gigantic white form slowly rises out of the depths, becoming solid, alive.

SCANLON

Jesus God...

MARTINI

What is it?

FREDRICKSON

We'll never get that on the boat.

The fish is now clearly SEEN.

BILLY

(calling)

M-M-Mack! M-M-Mack!

McMurphy pulls himself up.

MCMURPHY

What is it, kid?

BILLY

C-C-Come here and l-look at th  
this!

McMurphy crosses down and looks over the side.

MCMURPHY

He's a big flounder. Could weigh  
two, three hundred. You got to lift  
him in with a winch.

FREDRICKSON

Does that mean we have to cut him  
loose?

MCMURPHY

Like hell we will! We got the  
muscle standing right here. All we  
need is a couple gaffin' hooks and  
some rope.

BILLY

I-I-I'll get them.

MARTINI

Me, too.

SCANLON

Me, too.

McMurphy turns to Sefelt who is sweating under the strain.

MCMURPHY  
Steady does it, Sefelt!

SEFELT'S POV

The massive fish is closer to the surface.

DISSOLVE TO:

BACK TO SCENE

All the men are standing by as gaffing hooks and rope are made ready. The fish is gaffed and slowly hauled out of the water.

McMurphy and Bromden lean over, held by the others, grab the big fish by its gills and, with a heave-ho, the fish is slid in and flopped to the bottom of the boat. The men go sprawling over the big fish. There's a lot of laughter, handshakes and back-slapping going on when --

VOICE  
(over bull horn)  
All right! Stand to! Stand to!

The men look up.

REVERSE SHOT - ACUTES' POV

Off the bow is a Coast Guard cutter, and on the deck stands Doctor Spivey, Washington, Warren and several other aides dressed in white.

INT. HALLWAY - STATE HOSPITAL - LATE AFTERNOON

as the Acutes, sunburned and covered with dried brine and fish scales, are escorted down the hallway by Washington, Warren and Doctor Spivey.

It's a triumphant procession as they wheel the giant flounder with a sheet over it on a gurney, holding up their catches for all to see.

McMurphy is lagging a bit behind as they pass the mess hall where workmen are busy installing a security screen over the transom, while inside the mess hall another workman is SEEN welding a lock on the dumbwaiter.

INT. DAY ROOM

as Big Nurse steps out of the Nurses' Station.

SPIVEY  
(to Big Nurse)  
Here they are, Miss Ratched. Safe and sound!

BIG NURSE  
Good. Well, boys, did you enjoy yourselves?

A burst of exuberance as the inmates hold up their fish.

FREDRICKSON

(to Sefelt)

Show her the one you caught, Jim.

Sefelt whips the sheet off the big fish.

BIG NURSE

My, my...

No one can find superlatives or gestures big enough to describe his catching of the big fish, "brought it in himself" AD LIB.

MCMURPHY

Yeah, ya should've come along with us, Miss Ratched, an' gotten a little sun on your cheeks and maybe caught a fish or two.

BIG NURSE

Mr. McMurphy, you had no right to take these men out with you!

MCMURPHY

(loudly)

Yeah, that's kind of crazy, ain't it!

BIG NURSE

No, it was irresponsible!

Big Nurse turns to the others, leaving McMurphy dangling.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

(respectfully)

That's quite a catch, Jim. Whaat are you going to do with it?

MARTINI

(crossing to McMurphy)

Gimme a cigarette!

SEFELT

I thought I might donate it to the mess hall.

MCMURPHY

(reaches in his pocket; he has none)

I don't have any.

AD LIBS: "They could use it." "Take a picture first."

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

That's an excellent idea. Now, why don't you boys place your fish on the gurney and we'll see to it that everyone enjoys a fresh fish

dinner.

The men toss their fish on the gurney as Martini joins the group and starts hitting the others up for a cigarette. All he gets for his troubles are a series of "No," "Get lost," "I don't have any."

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Thank you, boys. Now if you'll just go along with Mister Washington to the showers, supper is in half an hour.

The inmates start AD LIBBING and laughing, "We're not hungry," as Martini sees Harding light up a cigarette and crosses to him.

MARTINI

(to Harding)

Gimme a cigarette!

HARDING

No!

MARTINI

Why not?

HARDING

I'm not running a charity ward...

Martini snaps the cigarette out of Harding's hand, and takes off with Harding chasing him.

Martini dashes around the room, pulling chairs in Harding's way, taking a drag on the cigarette whenever he can.

Harding corners Martini, but Martini tosses the cigarette over Harding's head to Scanlon.

Scanlon takes off with Harding after him, absolutely livid.

Scanlon passes to Billy who passes to Martini. Everyone in the room is getting wired.

Martini throws it away as Harding jumps him and nails him to the floor.

MARTINI

(holding his hands up;  
empty)

All gone! All gone! Don't hit!  
Don't hit!

Harding starts pounding Martini's head on the floor when Billy and Scanlon jump Harding and start pounding him.

Fredrickson picks up the cigarette and stands there watching the fight as he smokes the cigarette as Washington, Warren and Miller move in and start separating the men.

McMurphy, watching the fight, sighs, then deliberately

crosses toward the Nurses' Station.

INT. NURSES' STATION - MISS PILBOW'S POV - DAY

as McMurphy reaches the Nurses' Station and puts his hand through the plate glass window, his fist stopping inches from Miss Pilbow's startled face. Miss Pilbow's scream is added to the SOUND OF THE SHATTERED WINDOW.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

McMurphy reaches in and picks up his carton of cigarettes.

MCMURPHY

I'm sure sorry, ma'am. Gawd, but I  
am. That window glass was so clean  
I didn't even see it...

McMurphy turns and crosses back to the day room, opening the carton of cigarettes as he goes.

MCMURPHY

You guys want cigarettes! Here's  
the goddamn cigarettes!

McMurphy starts tossing packages of cigarettes into the mass of struggling bodies as Washington grabs McMurphy by the arm and tries to wheel him away.

McMurphy shakes him off and throws a pack of cigarettes in Washington's face.

Washington goes after McMurphy, grabs him, and drives him against the wall, right next to Bromden, who watches as McMurphy shoves Washington away, goes into a crouch and starts circling Washington. Washington dances in and out, chipping away at McMurphy's face until McMurphy drives his fist square into Washington's white, starched chest, drawing him against the wall.

McMurphy moves in for the kill.

WASHINGTON

Warren! Miller!

The Acutes have stopped fighting and are watching.

McMurphy tags Washington, then is grabbed from behind by Warren, who pulls him back.

Washington moves in and goes to work on McMurphy, when Bromden grabs Washington, from behind, in a bear hug.

Miller jumps on Bromden's back. Bromden, still holding Washington, backs up into the wall, squashing Miller, who screams out.

EXT. HALLWAY TO DISTURBANCE WARD - LATE AFTERNOON

as McMurphy, bruised from the fight, and Bromden, handcuffed to a special belt, wait while an aide unlocks the first of a

double set of heavy security doors.

The first door is locked, leaving McMurphy, Bromden, and the three aides crammed in the small space between the two doors while another aide opens the second door and McMurphy and Bromden step through, followed by the aides.

INT. DISTURBANCE WARD - LATE AFTERNOON

As the aide locks the door behind them, the other aides lead Bromden and McMurphy toward a bench, where they unshackle them.

AIDE  
(pointing to a bench)  
Wait over there...

The three aides go down the hall, leaving McMurphy and Bromden who sit and look at their new surroundings. There is a man sitting next to them.

McMURPHY'S POV

The architecture is the same as the ward we left below, but it is the atmosphere that is different. A heaviness pervades all. Heavily sedated patients sit isolated from each other. Others stand shifting from one foot to the other, while others walk up and down the hallway, their locomotive powers not unlike that of Parkinson's Disease (caused by too much sedation).

Suddenly, one patient gets up, speaking very angrily, shouting incoherently at no one; he crosses the hall and enters a side room. An aide goes in after him. A long beat, then the aide comes out with the patient and gently leads him back to his seat, talking softly to the man.

Further down the hallway, a gurney is wheeled out of the east room with a patient lying on it, out cold; he is wheeled further down the hall to the men's dorms, where he is left to sleep it off.

Two aides come out of the EST room and head in McMurphy's direction, where one of the aides motions to the patient sitting next to McMurphy.

AIDE (CONT'D)  
(approaching him very  
gently)  
Come on, Joey... this isn't going  
to hurt you... good for you... make  
you feel better...

The patient clings to the bench, terrified, weeping.

The aides peel him off the bench and escort him down the hall to the EST room.

ANOTHER ANGLE

As McMurphy watches the patient go, he takes out a package of

gum. Takes a stick for himself and gives Bromden one.  
McMurphy turns back to his own thoughts.

BROMDEN

Thank you.

McMurphy looks up. A long beat.

MCMURPHY

Say it again.

BROMDEN

Thank you.

Another beat.

MCMURPHY

Say... God Bless America!

BROMDEN

God Bless America.

MCMURPHY

(slapping his thigh)

Goddammit, you sly son-of-a-bitch!  
Does anybody else know?

BROMDEN

No.

MCMURPHY

Shit! This is too much!

(his mind going a mile a  
minute)

Chief, I tell you we're gonna bust  
outta this place an' make it all  
the way to Canada before they know  
what bit 'em.

BROMDEN

Ca-na-da...

MCMURPHY

Ya like that, Chief, huh?

BROMDEN

Yeah...

MCMURPHY

Yeah, well, well, well. 'Bout time  
the rest of the world got a gander  
at Big Chief Bromden cuttin' down  
the boulevard, stopping just long  
enough for virgins... Oh, man, I  
tell you, I tell you, you'll have  
women trippin' you and beating you  
to the floor...

BROMDEN

Ca-na-da...



MCMURPHY  
Shhh, Chief, don't talk. Never  
talk! Remember, this is just  
between you an' me. Do ya  
understand?

Bromden nods.

NURSE ITSU (O.S.)  
Mister McMurphy.

McMurphy turns to see Nurse Itsu. The two aides are standing  
behind her.

MCMURPHY  
(recognizing a long-lost  
friend)  
Hey, how ya doin'?

NURSE ITSU  
Fine, thank you.  
(offering pills)  
Here, please take these.

MCMURPHY  
What are they?

NURSE ITSU  
To help you relax... please...

McMurphy takes the pills and downs them. Bromden takes his  
pills.

NURSE ITSU (CONT'D)  
Please take off your shoes.

McMurphy takes off his shoes.

NURSE ITSU (CONT'D)  
Please follow me.

MCMURPHY  
(rising, thumbs up)  
You an' me, Chief.

McMurphy, flanked by the two aides, follows Nurse Itsu to the  
EST room.

MCMURPHY  
(to Itsu)  
You know, I never got your name.

NURSE ITSU  
(stopping at the door)  
Miss Itsu.  
(indicating the room)  
In here, please.

MCMURPHY  
You comin' in to hold my hand?

NURSE ITSU

No...

MCMURPHY

Yeah... Well, see ya around, Itsu.

Itsu smiles at McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

Yeah...

McMurphy gives Bromden one last wave and goes in.

Bromden watches the door close behind McMurphy.

INT. EST ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

There are four other aides in there, standing around an empty gurney.

A DOCTOR is at the head of the gurney, a NURSE alongside of him.

MCMURPHY

(as he enters)

Hi...

McMurphy looks around at the six aides.

MCMURPHY

You boys can take a cigarette break now...

The Nurse smiles at him.

DOCTOR

That's all right, Mister McMurphy,  
just climb on the bed and lie  
down...

MCMURPHY

Whatever you say, Doc...

McMurphy climbs on the bed and lies down.

The Doctor moves around to the side of the bed and takes McMurphy's pulse, while the Nurse dips her fingers into a jar of salve.

DOCTOR

(to McMurphy)

This won't hurt you at all...

MCMURPHY

Uh, uh...

The Nurse starts applying salve to McMurphy's temples.

MCMURPHY

What's that for?

NURSE

Conductant.

MCMURPHY

(smiling up at her)

Surely, goodness and mercy will  
follow this, eh, honey?

DOCTOR

(holding a mouthpiece)

Please, put this in your mouth...

McMurphy takes the bit in his teeth. The Doctor moves back to the head of the gurney and places the thongs on McMurphy's temples.

The Doctor nods to the six aides, who move in and gently place their hands, in a very professional manner, on McMurphy's knees, hips and shoulders. Once set, the Doctor turns to his controls.

SHOT OF MCMURPHY

as he looks around, not nearly as scared as he is mystified by the whole process, when suddenly, without warning, McMurphy is hit by the shock. His face is a contorted mask of surprise and pain. His whole body caught in a sudden spasm. A moment of rigidity, then McMurphy passes out and his body relaxes. Another moment, then a series of violent body spasms begin flowing down his body. Now the aides' function is very clear, as they press down, holding McMurphy firmly to the gurney, until the last spasm subsides.

SLOW FADE OUT  
TO:

FADE IN:

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

A Group Meeting is in progress. Doctor Spivey is there.

BIG NURSE

(to Sefelt)

It's been brought to my attention  
that you're giving Mister  
Fredrickson your medication, aren't  
you, Mister Sefelt?

SEFELT

It's the Dilantin that makes my  
gums soft!

BIG NURSE

Now, Jim, you must be honest with  
yourself.

At the end of the hall, the door opens and McMurphy and Bromden enter the visitors' room, accompanied by Washington and Warren. They cross to the security gate, open it and pass into the hallway.

Washington and Warren disappear into a room, leaving McMurphy and Bromden, who walk slowly towards the day room.

The Group Meeting continues over as Fredrickson raises his hand.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
Yes, Mister Fredrickson?

FREDRICKSON  
I wanna know why the dorm has to be locked in the daytime and on weekends?

TABER  
Yeah, why can't a fellow even have the weekends to himself?

CHESWICK  
(standing up)  
Yeah, whadabout our cigarettes?

BIG NURSE  
Sit down, Mister Cheswick, and wait your turn!

He sits.

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)  
If the dorms were left open, you would just return to bed after breakfast...

FREDRICKSON  
So what? Is it a mortal sin? I mean, normal people get to sleep late on weekends...

BIG NURSE  
With few exceptions, time spent in the company of others is therapeutic, while every minute spent brooding alone only increases separation.

CHESWICK  
(jumping up as he sees McMurphy)  
Mack!

Everyone looks at McMurphy and Bromden.

Bromden is as he always was, as McMurphy slowly drags himself into the day room. He looks like a zombie as he takes the room in. Then, suddenly, he slaps his thigh.

McMURPHY  
Hey, hey, you ding-a-lings, you creeps, you goons...

He enters the room doing a jig. The Acutes' faces light up.

MCMURPHY

I got ten thousand watts and hot to  
trot. First woman takes me on is  
gonna light up like a pinball  
machine an' pay off in silver  
dollars...

McMurphy does a full circle of the room, greeting the  
Chronics. But it's an effort for him. His voice is slower,  
his footwork slightly out of sync.

BILLY

H-h-how's it g-g-going, Mack?

MCMURPHY

Just fine, Billy boy, just fine.  
Full of piss an' vinegar! They  
checked my plugs and cleaned my  
points...

BIG NURSE

Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

(turning)  
Yes, ma'am?

BIG NURSE

Welcome back.

MCMURPHY

Thank you, ma'am.

BIG NURSE

I hope everything is settled.

MCMURPHY

Ma'am, I'm as gentle as a puppy  
dog. Why, I haven't licked the tar  
out of an aide for two weeks! Hi  
ya, Doc!

Spivey greets McMurphy.

BIG NURSE

Good. Why don't you join us?

MCMURPHY

Why, thank you, ma'am...

(he gets a seat and sits  
heavily)

Whew. Man, I tell you, that place  
up there is somethin' else!

(pulling it together)

Well, ya boys been practicin' up  
for the big game?

(no response)

I figured as much...

BILLY

W-W-We h-heard y-you w-were n-never  
c-c-coming back!

MCMURPHY

Yeah, well, let me tell ya  
somethin'... While I was up there  
gettin' in-lightened, I came up  
with one hellava plan...

A great sadness suddenly sweeps over McMurphy's face and he  
breaks off.

BILLY

Wh-wh-what p-plan, M-Mack!

No response from McMurphy.

HARDING

What's your plan, Mack?

MCMURPHY

(coming out of it)  
Plan?... Oh, yeah, the plan...  
Yeah...

McMurphy gets up and crosses to the window, where he joins  
Bromden who is looking out the window.

REACTION SHOT of the others as they look at McMurphy and each  
other with quizzical looks.

INT. GYMNASIUM - DAY

On the court both teams are lined up taking photographs for  
the local newspaper. The bulb pops a few times.

PHOTOGRAPHER

(wrapping it up)  
Thank you, boys.

The line breaks up. McMurphy crosses to Big Nurse, who sits  
in the front row.

It's the big Saturday game between the Acutes and Aides, as  
spectators enter the gymnasium already half-filled with male  
and female patients, staff members and visitors.

Doctor Spivey stands nearby at the timers' table, basketball  
in hand, whistle around his neck, talking to the timer.

MCMURPHY

Miss Ratched, would you please save  
a space for my aunt? She's comin'  
down from Portland.

BIG NURSE

Certainly, Mister McMurphy, with  
pleasure.

MCMURPHY

Thank you, ma'am...

O.S. the WHISTLE BLOWS.

MCMURPHY

Gotta go now, ma'am...

BIG NURSE

Yes. Good luck, Mister McMurphy.

MCMURPHY

Thank you, ma'am.

McMurphy crosses onto the court. Big Nurse watches him go.

BASKETBALL COURT

Doctor Spivey is at half-court, basketball in hand as the players take up their positions: Washington faces McMurphy for the jump at center. Harding and Billy are playing guard with Warren and Miller on them. Martini and Scanlon are in the forward position, with the two white Aides covering them. The other Acutes sit on the bench as substitutes.

MCMURPHY

(to Washington)

Hey, Sam, bet ya two bucks ya lose.

WASHINGTON

Shit, man, tha' ain't even worth considerin'.

MCMURPHY

How 'bout twenty?

WASHINGTON

Now you talkin'.

MCMURPHY

Bet!

WASHINGTON

Bet you ass...

MCMURPHY

(to Spivey)

You're a witness, Doc!

SPIVEY

Me? I didn't hear a thing! Let's play ball!

Spivey checks the court, then blows the whistle as he tosses the ball into the air.

Washington taps the ball to Warren, who passes to Miller, who hands off to Washington, who goes up for a layup. Two points. The Acutes haven't even moved from their spots. The scoreboard reads: AIDES 2 PATIENTS 0.

MCMURPHY

(taking the ball out)

Come on, wake up, you ding-a-lings.  
The game is on.

The Acutes snap to and McMurphy passes the ball into Harding, who fiercely dribbles down court, McMurphy running alongside him.

MCMURPHY  
Pass the ball, Harding...  
    (no pass)  
Don't hang onto it...  
    (no response)  
Pass it, goddammit!

Harding dribbles into the corner and finds himself bottled in by two Aides.

MCMURPHY  
Harding, here, over here!

The ball is snagged from Harding's hands by an Aide, who passes it down court to another Aide, who turns and makes another basket.

Scoreboard: AIDES 4 PATIENTS 0

MCMURPHY  
    (to Harding)  
Ya deaf! I said pass the ball!

HARDING  
What are you talking about???  
Everybody was covered!!! Everybody  
was covered!!!

MCMURPHY  
I was open! Come on, let's play  
ball!

McMurphy and Harding turn to see Martini, down court, passing the ball into Billy.

WASHINGTON  
    (slapping his hands)  
Gimme tha' ball!

Billy panics and hands the ball to Washington, who turns around and makes another basket. Score: AIDES 6 PATIENTS 0.

McMurphy and Harding run down court, McMurphy taking the ball away from Martini, who would like to bring it in.

MCMURPHY  
    (to Washington)  
What kind of crap is that???

WASHINGTON (CONT'D)  
Jus' playin' the game, sucker...

Washington chuckles and trots on down court.



MCMURPHY  
(to Martini)  
Get down there where ya belong,  
Martini. You, too, Scanlon.  
(tosses ball to Harding)  
You take it out, Harding!

Harding takes the ball and passes it in to McMurphy, who turns and dribbles down court exactly like Harding did.

HARDING  
(running alongside  
McMurphy)  
Pass the ball!  
(no response)  
Pass it!  
(no response)  
Pass it! Pass it! I'm open,  
McMurphy, pass the ball!

McMurphy stops dead in his tracks and flings the ball at Harding. The ball bounces off Harding's head and goes out of bounds. The WHISTLE BLOWS. Harding spins a few times.

MCMURPHY (O.S.)  
Harding, get back here!

Harding turns to see the other team go by. They score another basket. Score: AIDES 8 PATIENTS 0.

Billy takes the ball and passes into McMurphy, who turns to see CANDY enter the gym, with her friend, ROSE.

MCMURPHY  
(calling out)  
Candy. Candy, over here.  
(to Doctor Spivey)  
Hey, Doc, time out.

SPIVEY  
(blowing his whistle)  
Time out!

McMurphy tosses the ball to Spivey, then crosses the court to Candy and Rose, who have had a couple of drinks on the way down.

CANDY  
Mack, you sonofabitch, you ol'  
fucker, how've you been?

MCMURPHY  
(swinging her around in  
his arms)  
Terrific, baby, terrific!  
(to Rose)  
Hi ya doin', Rose?

ROSE  
Okay, Mack!  
(looking around)

Whoowe, Candy girl, are we in an  
insane asylum or ain't we?

MCMURPHY

(to Candy)

How's your ass been holdin' up,  
honey?

Candy pokes her ass at McMurphy. He gives it a squeeze. O.S.  
a WHISTLE BLOWS.

MCMURPHY

Come on, girls, we're holding up  
the game!

McMurphy leads the two ladies across the court.

The entire gymnasium is riveted on the three of them. As they  
reach Big Nurse:

MCMURPHY

Miss Ratched, this is my Aunt Candy  
and her friend Rose...

Greetings are exchanged.

MCMURPHY

Miss Ratched was kind enough to  
save you ladies a seat...

The two ladies wedge themselves in next to Big Nurse. O.S.  
the WHISTLE BLOWS.

MCMURPHY

Talk to ya at half time!

McMurphy turns and crosses onto the court.

CANDY

(calling after him)

Sock it to 'em, kid!

ROSE

(taking in the players)

Are they all crazies?

BIG NURSE

No.

ROSE

Oh, just those guys dressed in  
white?

BIG NURSE

No, miss, it's the other way  
around.

ROSE

Well, you could've fooled me.

On the court, McMurphy throws the ball to Martini.

Martini throws the ball to McMurphy.

McMurphy throws the ball back to Martini.

Martini throws the ball into the stands.

The WHISTLE BLOWS O.S.

MCMURPHY  
Whadaya doin', there's no one  
there!

MARTINI  
I saw 'em! I saw 'em.

HARDING (O.S.)  
(shouting)  
Mack, get back here!

McMurphy turns to see the other team go by and score a  
basket.

Billy passes the ball into McMurphy.

MARTINI  
Gimme the ball!

MCMURPHY  
(holding the ball)  
Okay, Martini. That's okay. Now you  
watch me.

McMurphy dribbles the ball down the sideline. Stops.

Goes into his routine of ball tricks: faking one way, then  
the other, over his head, under his legs, finally ending on a  
pass behind his back which goes straight into Washington's  
hands. Washington dribbles down court for an easy layup.

Score: AIDES 10 PATIENTS 0

MCMURPHY  
(to Spivey)  
Time out!

SPIVEY  
(blowing his whistle)  
Time out!

MCMURPHY  
(shouting to Timer)  
Replacement coming in! Harding out!

McMurphy crosses to Bromden, takes his hand, and leads him  
onto the court and under the Acutes' basket, where he  
maneuvers him into the proper position. Then McMurphy raises  
his hands above his head and Bromden follows suit.

MCMURPHY  
(starting back up court)

Time in!  
    (sees Harding still on  
    court)  
Hold it! Time out!  
    (to Harding)  
I said Harding out!

HARDING  
I refuse!

MCMURPHY  
I said out!

HARDING  
    (casting a quick look at  
    his wife)  
No!

MCMURPHY  
I'm the coach!

HARDING  
I just started!

MCMURPHY  
You can come back later!

HARDING  
I don't trust you!

MCMURPHY  
    (looking for another victim)  
Scanlon out!

SCANLON  
No!

MCMURPHY  
Martini out!

MARTINI  
No!

McMurphy looks at Billy.

BILLY  
I-I-I-I-I'll g-g-g-go, M-M-Mack...

MCMURPHY  
Good boy, thank you, Billy.

Billy goes off and sits by Big Nurse. Now, the lineup on the bench is Billy, Big Nurse, Candy and Rose.

Spivey blows the whistle.

Under the Aides' basket, Harding passes the ball into McMurphy, who dribbles to half court, takes his mark, and lobs the ball over the outstretched arms of the Aides right into Bromden's waiting hands. Bromden turns and slams the ball into the basket.

The crowd goes bananas. Score: AIDES 10 PATIENTS 2

Bromden walks in majestic dignity the full length of the court and takes up his position under the Aides' basket, while McMurphy and his teammates have been putting tremendous pressure on the Aides, not allowing them to pass the ball in.

As soon as McMurphy sees that Bromden is firmly set, hands held up, under the Aides' basket, McMurphy turns and runs down court, followed by the other Acutes, where they take up their defensive position.

Washington and the Aides easily bring the ball down court, work themselves into position, and take a shot at the basket, which Bromden swats aside.

Each Aide gets a shot at the basket, and each time Bromden swats it aside; sending the last swat into McMurphy's waiting hands.

McMurphy dribbles the ball up court, where he runs into heavy pressure from Washington.

HARDING  
(off to the side of  
McMurphy)  
McMurphy, pass the ball!

McMurphy passes the ball to Harding and cuts toward the basket.

MCMURPHY  
(as he cuts past Harding)  
Harding, pass the ball!

Harding ignores McMurphy, as he runs by, and throws the ball to Bromden, who turns and slams the ball into the basket.

The crowd goes bananas.

Score: AIDES 10 PATIENTS 4

CANDY  
(at the top of her lungs)  
Atta boy, Mack!  
(to Big Nurse)  
What's he in for?

BIG NURSE  
Who?

CANDY  
Mack!

BIG NURSE  
Miss, it's a complicated case. It  
would take too long to explain.

CANDY  
Yeah, well, he looks like hell!

CHEERS are HEARD O.S. Candy turns back to the game.

CAMERA HOLDS on Candy, Big Nurse and Billy, who is staring at Candy.

BIG NURSE

(to Billy)

Billy, it's not polite to stare!

Billy sinks back, thinks it over, then presses forward.

BILLY

(to Candy)

Miss!

Candy looks at Billy.

BILLY (CONT'D)

Hi!

CANDY

(giving him a big smile)

Hi...

Billy sinks back in his seat.

On the court, McMurphy dribbles down to half court where he is stopped by Washington and Warren, who put the squeeze on him. McMurphy turns and gives them his ass to contend with, then manages to throw the ball under his legs and Washington's legs. The ball rolls to Martini, who scoops it up and throwing it wildly away, the ball ricochets off the backboard and goes in for two points.

The crowd goes bananas. Score: AIDES 10 PATIENTS 6

Bromden starts striding down court when the Aides make a fast break past him, but miss their shot.

McMurphy retrieves the ball as Bromden, not more than several feet from his own basket, does an about-face and returns to his basket where he turns to see McMurphy lob the ball full court to Bromden, who catches the ball on one bounce, turns and slams the ball in for another basket.

Score: AIDES 10 PATIENTS 8

The crowd goes bananas and Bromden turns and starts striding down the court when he sees McMurphy at the far end of the court yelling at him.

MCMURPHY

(yelling and gesturing)

Run, Chief, run!

Bromden gets the idea and starts loping down court abreast of Washington, who is making another fast break towards his own basket.

Washington and Bromden go up together and Bromden swats the

ball to Scanlon.

MCMURPHY  
(yelling and gesturing)  
Run, Chief, run!

Bromden starts running towards his own basket, Washington hot on his heels, when the ball is passed to him and he goes up, makes the point, but takes a bad spill, crashing head over heels to the floor.

The crowd gasps. The WHISTLE BLOWS.

SPIVEY  
(shouting)  
Foul!

As McMurphy charges across court and grabs Washington by his shirt...

MCMURPHY  
(breathing in Washington's  
face)  
Ya fuckin' coon, you're not on the  
ward now!

WASHINGTON  
(cool as a cucumber)  
Take you han's offa me!

Spivey comes running, blowing his whistle.

SPIVEY  
Break it up, boys!  
(to Timer)  
Point counts. One free throw!

McMurphy pushes Washington away and turns to Bromden, who is being helped off the floor by Harding, as...

MARTINI AND SCANLON  
Great shot, Chief! Ya okay? You're  
doin' great!

They lead Bromden to the foul line.

MCMURPHY  
(to Washington as they  
line up at the foul line)  
We got your black ass now,  
Washington, wanna bet another  
twenty?

WASHINGTON  
No way...

Bromden takes the ball at the foul line. Sets himself up and lobs the ball underhand. It goes in.

The crowd goes wild.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

The patients are asleep except for Bromden who sits on the edge of his bed watching McMurphy, his face pressed against the window, looking out.

TURKLE

(approaching)

What you boys doin' up at this  
ungodly time o' the night?

MCMURPHY

Prayin', brother. Prayin'.

TURKLE

Well, you boys finish it up an'  
climb back into your beds. 'Kay?

MCMURPHY

'Kay...

The men slide into their beds and Turkle goes off, clucking to himself.

A beat, then McMurphy rushes back to the window and looks out.

MCMURPHY'S POV

Outside, in the dark, Candy and Rose are seen wandering around.

REVERSE ANGLE - BROMDEN AND MCMURPHY

MCMURPHY

There they are, Chief!

McMurphy tries to get the girl's attention and fails.

MCMURPHY

Where are they goin'?

McMurphy takes off, towards the day room, followed by Bromden.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

As the two of them cross into the day room heading for the window, Turkle sticks his head out of the nurses' station.

TURKLE

I thought I told you boys to go to  
bed!

MCMURPHY

(flagging the girls)

Our prayers have been answered,  
Turtle! Our prayers have been  
answered!

MCMURPHY'S POV



as we SEE the girls coming.

REVERSE ANGLE

TURKLE

Oh yeah...

MCMURPHY

I tell ya, there's an angel of  
mercy standing out there, Turkle.

TURKLE

Hallelujah, brother, now get back  
in bed!

MCMURPHY

Come an' see.

Turkle comes out of the nurses' station, leaving the side  
window open.

TURKLE

(crossing to McMurphy)

That angel of mercy, he ain't a  
she, is he?

MCMURPHY

You's better believe it, brother!

Turkle reaches the window and sees the girls outside.

CANDY and ROSE'S POV - THE MEN looking out.

BACK TO SCENE

as Turkle turns to McMurphy.

TURKLE

Ah believe ya, brother. Ah believe  
ya!

MCMURPHY

(taking Turkle aside;

holds up \$20 bill)

Now, wouldn't you pray for twenty  
bucks, a bottle booze an' a piece  
of that angel cake?

TURKLE

(taking the \$20 and

reaching for his keys)

Ah'm on my knees, brother, ah'm on  
my knees.

Turkle unlocks the security screen and raises the window.

McMurphy sticks his head out the window.

CANDY AND ROSE

(both slightly tipsy)

Hiya, Mack.

MCMURPHY

Hiya, girls...

TURKLE

Shhh...

Candy passes a heavy bag of bottles in. Then McMurphy and Turkle help her in. Her dress is above her thighs, her ass visible as she swings over the windowsill and into McMurphy's arms.

CANDY

Whew! Made it!

MCMURPHY

(embracing Candy)

Man, you look good 'nough to eat!

CANDY

Yeah, well you look like hell warmed over...

ROSE (O.S.)

Hey, pssst! Whadda 'bout me?

Turkle turns to help Rose in, but she's not as easy to handle, being a good deal heavier and twice as plastered as Candy.

TURKLE

Hey, Mac! Gimme a hand, will ya!

McMurphy disengages himself from Candy and lends Turkle a hand. Rose is finally hauled into the room.

ROSE

(giggling; loud)

Whew! Hiya, boys!

TURKLE

Shhh... let's move it away from the window...

The group shifts a few feet as Turkle closes the window and locks the screen. McMurphy turns back to Candy.

MCMURPHY

(arms open)

Come here, sugar...

Candy moves into McMurphy's arms as Rose, straightening her dress, turns to see Bromden looming. Rose SCREAMS.

TURKLE

What happened?

ROSE

(backing into Turkle)

What's that?

TURKLE  
(mystified)  
What?

ROSE  
(pointing at Bromden)  
That!

TURKLE  
Oh, that. That ain't nothin' to be  
afraid of, ma'am. Just ol Chief  
Bromden. That's all...

ROSE  
Is he one of the loonies?

MCMURPHY  
He's a patient, Rose...

ROSE  
Oh, yeah...

MCMURPHY  
Yeah...

ROSE  
(approaching Bromden  
tentatively)  
Hi ya, big boy? How's it goin'?  
Like it in here?

MCMURPHY  
He can't hear you, Rose. He's just  
a big deaf an' dumb indian...

CANDY  
Pssst! Hey Rose! There they are!

ROSE  
(looking around)  
What? Where?

CANDY points to the patients sleeping in the men's dorm.

CANDY  
In there.

ROSE  
Wow! They're so quiet.

TURKLE  
They're sleeping, Miss. They're  
sleeping. An' we gotta keep it down  
so we don't disturb their sleep.

ROSE  
Are they dangerous when they're  
awake?

TURKLE

Oh, no, Miss. Not these loonies.  
These are nice guys. Nice guys.

CANDY  
What's that smell?

TURKLE  
What smell?

CANDY  
Smells weird. Smells like  
pneumonia.

TURKLE  
Ammonia, Miss...

ROSE  
Smells like piss. Is this real,  
Candy? Is this really real? I mean  
we are in an insane asylum, an' I  
wanna know how we got ourselves  
into this scene.

TURKLE  
Shhh, please, Miss. Keep it down...

Rose turns to McMurphy who has opened a bottle of booze and  
is taking a long pull.

ROSE  
(to McMurphy)  
Who is he?

MCMURPHY  
(passing the bottle to  
Turkle)  
He's in charge.

ROSE  
Are you a doctor?

TURKLE  
(passing the bottle to  
Rose)  
Not exactly, Miss. Not exactly.

ROSE  
(drinking and passing the  
bottle to Candy)  
Yeah, well, I'll tell ya somethin'.  
I'll tell ya somethin'. I had this  
boyfriend, Chuck.  
(to McMurphy)  
Ya know him, Mac. Ya remember,  
Chuck.

MCMURPHY  
Sure, I know Chuck. I know him.

ROSE  
Well, listen to this. He got mad at

me one day. Boy, did he get mad at me. He took the light bulb, ya know. I thought he was going to cram it right up me, ya know. But he ate it. He ate the whole fucking light bulb.

(to Turkle)

Now, tell me! Is he crazy? Tell me! Is he crazy?

TURKLE

Well, Miss... I would say... I would say, yes. Yes, he's crazy.

ROSE

I thought so.

TURKLE

Is he in an asylum?

ROSE

He's dead.

TURKLE

Oh, I see. He was a very sick man. Very sick.

ROSE

That's what I told his mother. And she said I was crazy. Her son ate the whole fucking light bulb and she said I was crazy.

TURKLE

I don't know anything about that, Miss. I would have to examine you first...

ROSE

You ol' fucker!

TURKLE

Well, I'm running a risk by letting you in, Miss. You know I'm runnin' a risk of gettin' my black ass fired. If you understand what I mean...

MCMURPHY

Sure, she understands what you mean. She's not dumb. Why do you think Rose came to visit us? Rose is very interested in hospitals and hospital facilities. Aren't you, Rose?

ROSE

What?

TURKLE

I'll be very glad to show you

around, Miss...

MCMURPHY

Yeah, that's a good idea, Turkle.  
Why don't ya take Rose on a little  
tour of our facilities...

ROSE

Wait a minute...

CANDY

It's okay, Rose. You can go with  
him.

ROSE

Oh yeah! Well if ya don't mind,  
I'll decide on my own date!

CANDY

Shit, Rose! What's there to decide?  
There's only four of us.

ROSE

Whaddaya talkin' about? There's at  
least twenty guys in there. Let's  
wake 'em up and get this party on  
the road.

TURKLE

Now, Miss. What do you want with  
twenty zombies when you got a  
twenty gun salute looking you right  
in the face.

ROSE

Oh, yeah...

TURKLE

You better believe it, you sweet  
little thing. You better believe  
it...

ROSE

Don't you sweet talk me you ol'  
spook, you!

TURKLE

Oh, I'm all through talkin'. Now,  
let's just you an' me trip on down  
that hall.

CANDY

Go with him, Rose. Go with him.

ROSE

Well, okay, but I just want to look  
at the facilities. That's all.

TURKLE

That's all I'm going to show you.

McMURPHY'S POV - TURKLE AND ROSE

as the two of them cross out of the day room toward the hallway, Turkle suddenly turns and hurries back to McMurphy, takes the bottle of booze and hurries off clucking to himself.

BACK TO McMURPHY and CANDY.

MCMURPHY

'Kay, lets get under way.

McMurphy crosses to package of booze, selects another bottle, unscrews the top and takes a long pull, then hands the bottle to Bromden.

MCMURPHY

Down the ol' hatch, Chief.

Bromden takes a long pull on the bottle, gags and passes the bottle to McMurphy who crosses to the nurses' station and peeks around the corner.

McMURPHY

as he peeks around the corner.

McMURPHY'S POV - TURKLE AND ROSE

far down the hallway, as Turkle shows Rose one room, then another, and then the seclusion room, into which Turkle playfully lures Rose, who playfully resists, but finally enters. A beat passes and they don't come out.

BACK TO McMURPHY

Satisfied, he crosses to the nurses' station, reaches in the open side-door window, opens the door and enters.

INT. NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

as McMurphy enters the nurses' station and looks around.

INT. MEN'S DORM - NIGHT

The patients are all asleep. A very long beat, then --

MCMURPHY (V.O.)

(through loudspeaker; very  
low, ominous, drawn out)

Who knows what evil lurks in the  
hearts of men...

Ominous LAUGHTER, then the lights go flashing on and off.

MCMURPHY (V.O.)

(through loudspeaker)

Medication time! Medication time!  
Rise and shine! Rise and shine!  
Time to say goodbye... Everybody  
up, up, up!

Some of the patients immediately pop awake as Candy comes in and starts hustling the patients out of bed.

CANDY  
Up and at 'em, boys.

BILLY  
(waking up)  
H-H-Hi, Candy...

CANDY  
Hi, Billy.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

MUSIC OVER as the patients are queued up at the nurses' station where Candy is handing out cups full of whiskey, McMurphy backing her up, pouring the booze into the cups. Harding takes his cup and moves back into the day room as Ellis automatically downs the booze, gags and goes spinning off across the hallway and is nailed to the wall.

QUICK CUT TO:

DOWN THE HALL - TURKLE

sticks his head out the door to check the scene out. Sees what's happening and comes rushing down the hallway, without his shirt, and zipping up his pants.

INT. NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

as Turkle shoves his way to the intercom system and switches off the lights and music.

TURKLE  
(furiously pushing them  
out)  
You crazy goons... shut up an' get  
outta here... Out! Out! Out!

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

Silence as the last man is driven out of the nurses' station.

Down the hallway, a light goes on in the visitors' room.

TURKLE  
Shit, it's the soo-per-visor come  
to fire my black ass.

A KEY is HEARD hitting the lock at the end of the hallway. Without losing a beat, Turkle reverses his movement and starts pushing everybody back into the nurses' station.

TURKLE (CONT'D)  
(pushing)  
Get back in there! In! In! In!

As Turkle pushes the last man into the nurses' station, he



sees Rose stick her head out of the seclusion room.

TURKLE (CONT'D)  
(motioning and shouting)  
Stay in there! Stay in there!

Rose ducks back into the seclusion room as, simultaneously, Turkle closes the door behind him to the nurses' station as the door to the ward opens and the NIGHT SUPERVISOR, a middle aged woman, enters the ward.

INT. NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

as Turkle, shushing the crowd, makes his way to the nurses' lounge and opens the door.

TURKLE  
(harsh whisper)  
Alla ya goons, get in here!

The patients pile into the nurses' lounge, Turkle cramming the last one through the door and closing it. He turns and crosses to the side door and steps out.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

as Turkle steps out of the nurses' station, closing the door behind him.

NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
Oh, there you are, Mister Turkle.

TURKLE  
Evenin', ma'am.

NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
Is everything all right?

TURKLE  
(blocking her way to the  
day room)  
Why, sure, ma'am...

NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
The lights were flashing on and  
off, Mister Turkle.

TURKLE  
Jus' cleanin' up, ma'am.

NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
At this hour?

TURKLE  
Cleanliness is a twenty-four-hour  
job, ma'am...

Harding passes by and enters the latrine.

NIGHT SUPERVISOR  
What are these men doing up

wandering around?

TURKLE

(leaning in)

Ah guess the natives are restless,  
ma'am...

NIGHT SUPERVISOR

(getting a whiff of his  
breath)

You've been drinking on the job  
again, haven't you, Mister Turkle!

TURKLE

Ah, no, ma'am... well, yes,  
ma'am...

(leaning in close)

A man get awful lonely at night, if  
ya know what Ah mean, ma'am...

Down the hall, Rose sticks her head out the door, sees what's  
happening, and ducks back in as the Night Supervisor turns on  
her heel and starts back down the hallway, Turkle at her  
heels.

NIGHT SUPERVISOR

I want those men put back to bed,  
Mister Turkle!

TURKLE

Yes, ma'am...

NIGHT SUPERVISOR

And you haven't heard the last of  
this!

TURKLE

Yes, ma'am...

She opens the gate, slams it behind her, crosses to the main  
door, opens it and exits to:

TURKLE (CONT'D)

(calling after her)

Night, night.

Turkle turns and the smile leaves his face as he hurries down  
the hallway.

O.S. the TOILET FLUSHES as Turkle stops at the seclusion room  
and sticks his head in.

TURKLE (CONT'D)

Be right back, honey...

Turkle closes the door, crosses down to the nurses' station,  
and enters as Harding comes out of the latrine.

INT. NURSES' STATION - NIGHT

as Turkle enters, crosses to the nurses' lounge and opens the

door to see the patients, silhouetted against the open refrigerator light, moving around, pulling the room apart. It smacks of Dante's Inferno as Turkle snaps on the light and steps into the room.

INT. NURSES' LOUNGE - NIGHT

as Turkle steps into the room and sees the extent of the plundering. The filing cabinet is open. So is the medicine cabinet. Rolls of medical gauze are strewn around, cough syrup and orange juice are flowing.

The patients start piling out of the room, carrying their plunder.

Fredrickson and Sefelt are SEEN sitting on the floor, in front of the open refrigerator, looking through their dossiers.

FREDRICKSON

Christ, they even got my first  
grade report card here...

SEFELT

Lemme see...

Sefelt leans in, unintentionally tipping a bottle of cough syrup in his hand which goes "glug, glug, glug..." all over the papers.

SEFELT (CONT'D)

Jesus, they're terrible grades,  
Fred...

Turkle stoically takes in the shattered remains of his job, unscrews the top to his bottle of whiskey, and takes the biggest swig of his life as, O.S., Rose is HEARD SCREAMING.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

as Rose, naked as the day she was born, runs screaming down the hall, Ellis loping after her, reaching out his hand.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as the others, who are laying out food, drinking booze and stringing up hospital gauze, turn to see Rose enter the room. She runs behind McMurphy, pressing her body to his, as he gently takes hold of Ellis' outstretched hands.

MCMURPHY

(to Rose)  
Don't scream, honey...

He gently guides Ellis to the wall, with Rose still clinging to his back.

MCMURPHY

Ellis ain't gonna hurt you... Ellis  
is nice... Nice Ellis... see the  
nice lady...

He pins Ellis to the wall.

MCMURPHY

There, see, nice lady touch  
Ellis...

Rose reaches out and touches Ellis.

The others stand agog, looking at this Holy Trinity.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

A SOFT NOSTALGIC NUMBER is HEARD OVER LOUDSPEAKER as Harding, Billy and Cheswick watch McMurphy dance with Candy, Fredrickson with Sefelt and Rose, who is dressed, dance with Taber.

Martini and Scanlon are busy draping hospital gauze around the room.

Bromden sits by the window -- waiting.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

Another SOFT NOSTALGIC NUMBER is HEARD OVER LOUDSPEAKER as McMurphy, Candy, Harding, Cheswick, Taber, Sefelt and Fredrickson watch Rose, on a table, doing a solo bump-and-grind dance, while Martini and Scanlon race around the room in wheelchairs.

Billy sits, watching Candy and McMurphy, who sit across the room.

Candy is tired and bored.

McMurphy is drunk and starting to fade.

CANDY

It's time to hit the road, Mack...

MCMURPHY

(snapping at her)

Don't worry 'bout the road! We'll  
hit the road! It'll be there when  
we're ready!

(to the room)

Ain't that right, fellas?

He gets up and crosses to his friends.

MCMURPHY

I jus' want you guys to have a good  
time... Are ya havin' a good time?  
You... you... good... good... Lez  
have some fun...

He turns to see Billy, who isn't having fun.

MCMURPHY

Whatsa matter with ya...

Billy turns away and McMurphy crosses to him.

MCMURPHY

Ain'tcha havin' a good time...

(no response)

Whadaya want? Ya wanna drink? A  
cigarette...

Billy looks up at McMurphy, his eyes are flooded with tears.

MCMURPHY

Whatsamatter, kid, what's botherin'  
you...?

BILLY

Ah-ah-ah-are y-y-y-you g-g-g-going  
t-t-t-to muh-muh-muh-marry her?

MCMURPHY

Marry who?

BILLY

C-C-C-C-Candy!

MCMURPHY

Candy? Hell no, Billy, she's just a  
good friend, that's all...

BILLY

Wu-wu-wu I-I-I-I th-th-think sh-sh  
sh-she's th-th-th-the ma-ma-ma-most  
bu-bu-bu-beautiful wu-wu-wu-woman  
in th-th-the whole world!

A long beat as McMurphy looks at Billy, then Candy, then  
Billy.

MCMURPHY

(softly)

Why don't ya go tell 'er...

Billy doesn't move.

MCMURPHY

Go on, son, now's your chance...

Billy slowly crosses toward Candy, stopping halfway to look  
back at McMurphy, who gives him an affirmative gesture. He  
crosses to Candy, who just looks at him.

BILLY

C-C-Candy, wu-wu-will y-y-you mu-mu  
marry me!

CANDY

Ah, Billy...

Candy rises, kisses Billy on the cheek, and dances with him.

McMurphy beams on the twosome, unscrews his whiskey bottle, takes a long pull on the juice, and looks at Bromden.

Bromden sits by the window waiting.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as the MUSIC ENDS. A long silence, then another NUMBER begins as McMurphy, who has nodded off, starts awake and looks around.

McMURPHY'S POV

Bromden sits by the window waiting.

Cheswick is asleep on the table.

Martini and Scanlon are sitting in their wheelchairs filling their cups from through the enema tube.

Harding sits, maintaining his aloofness, smoking a cigarette.

Sefelt is sitting on the floor, in a drunken stupor, while Fredrickson dances around him.

Candy and Billy stand, locked in each other's arms, swaying to the MUSIC.

McMURPHY

struggles to his feet, steadies himself, crosses to the nurses' station.

INT. NURSES' LOUNGE - NIGHT

as McMurphy enters and goes to Turkle, who is dead asleep. McMurphy lifts Turkle's keys and leaves.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

as McMurphy crosses to Billy and Candy, and gently parting them, he puts his arms around them -- as much for support as affection.

MCMURPHY

Come on, you lovers, it's gettin'  
late...

They move toward the hallway.

Bromden and Harding are the only two who watch them go.

INT. HALLWAY - NIGHT

as McMurphy passes several doors, reaches the door of his choice, fumbles with the keys, finds the right one, and opens

the door to the seclusion room.

MCMURPHY  
(standing aside)  
In ya go...

BILLY  
(holding back)  
M-M-M-Mack?

MCMURPHY  
It's okay, kid. Everything it going  
to be okay... I'll come back an'  
getcha in a while... 'Kay...

Candy and Billy, hand in hand, enter the small room, which  
has a bed in it.

McMurphy closes the door, looks at the keys, and pockets  
them. CAMERA TRACKS with McMurphy, who is a very weary man,  
back into the day room.

INT. DAY ROOM - NIGHT

MUSIC OVER LOUDSPEAKER as McMurphy crashes heavily into his  
chair. He can hardly keep his eyes open as he looks around.

Harding sits nearby.

Taber is lying on a couch, his head in Rose's lap.

Cheswick is asleep on the table.

Ellis stands nailed to the wall.

Bromden sits by the window -- waiting. CAMERA HOLDS on  
Bromden.

MCMURPHY (V.O.)  
Hey, Harding, wake me in an hour.

HARDING (V.O.)  
Sure, Mack...

CAMERA PUSHES INTO WINDOW. TIME LAPSE SHOT of the DAWN and  
SUN RISING.

WASHINGTON (V.O.)  
(very far away; getting  
closer)  
Bibbit? Where's Bill Bibbit, ya  
damn goons?

INT. DAY ROOM - EARLY MORNING

as Washington jostles McMurphy awake.

WASHINGTON  
Come on, get over there!

McMurphy allows himself to be led to the heavy security

partition, by the men's dorm, where all the patients are lined up.

It is morning and the day room is a mess:

A few chairs turned over. Paper cups and empty bottles. Puddles of cough syrup, orange juice and apple juice worked into sticky masses.

Rose sits by herself on the couch.

Bromden is the last one led to the lineup, where Big Nurse waits.

BIG NURSE

Thank you, Mister Washington!  
Mister McMurphy, do you know where  
Billy is?

McMurphy shrugs "no."

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Mister Harding, have you seen  
Billy?

Harding shrugs "no."

BIG NURSE (CONT'D)

Mister Sefelt...

Big Nurse's question is cut off as all the patients and attendants turn their heads toward the hallway and start laughing. Big Nurse turns to see Turkle, without his shirt on, walk into the seclusion room and close the door behind him.

Big Nurse turns and starts down the hallway, the laughter trailing after her when, suddenly, the laughter breaks off as Big Nurse stops and in the silence, she opens the door.

INT. SECLUSION ROOM - EARLY MORNING

as Big Nurse opens the door to see Candy snuggled up to Billy, who lies there, eyes closed, a smile on his face.

TURKLE

(buttoning up his shirt)  
Morning, Miss Ratched...

He slides out of the room as Billy opens his eyes. A long beat as they look at each other.

BILLY

M-M-M-M-M-M-

Big Nurse shakes her head and exits, closing the door behind her.

INT. HALLWAY - MORNING

as Big Nurse heads for the day room, walking straight for



McMurphy when:

BILLY (O.S.)  
(shouting)  
M-M-M-Miss Ratched!

Big Nurse stops and turns to see Billy, half naked, pulling his pajama pants up as he runs, stumbling toward Big Nurse.

BILLY (CONT'D)  
(crying out as he runs)  
P-p-p-please du-du-don't t-t-t-tell  
m-m-my muh-muh-muh-mummy!

He trips on his pajamas and falls sprawling at Big Nurse's feet, his bare ass exposed to all.

BILLY (CONT'D)  
(blubbing as he rises)  
P-p-p-please du-du-du-don't t-t  
tell her, p-p-please...

BIG NURSE  
You should have thought about that  
before you brought that woman in  
here!

BILLY  
N-n-n-n-no, no, I du-du-du-didn't,  
I didn't!

BIG NURSE  
I don't want your mother to believe  
something like this but what am I  
to think?

BILLY  
Sh-sh-sh-she m-m-made m-m-me do it!

BIG NURSE  
Billy, that girl couldn't have  
pulled you in there forcibly...

BILLY  
Sh-sh-she did! Everybody did!

BIG NURSE  
Who? Tell me!

BILLY  
M-M-Muh-Muh-McMurphy!

MCMURPHY  
Ahhh, Billy...

BILLY  
(caught in his own  
anxiety)  
P-p-p-please duh-duh-duh-duh t-t  
tell, M-M-M-Miss R-R-Ratched, y-y  
you don't need to!

BIG NURSE  
Get up, Billy.

BILLY  
(screaming)  
No! No! No!

Billy pitches forward and collapses on the floor, screaming,  
pounding his fists and feet against the floor.

BILLY (CONT'D)  
N-n-n-n-duh-duh-duh-pl-pl-pl-pl-muh  
muh-muh...

BIG NURSE  
(ignoring McMurphy)  
Mister Washington.

MCMURPHY  
(helplessly to Billy)  
Hey, Billy, stop cryin'. You don't  
have to cry... You ain't got  
nothin' to be ashamed of. She ain't  
gonna tell you mother... stop  
crying...

WASHINGTON  
Yes, Miss Ratched!

BIG NURSE  
(to Washington)  
Put him in Doctor Spivey's office!

WASHINGTON  
Yes, Miss Ratched...

Washington nods to Warren and the two of them scoop Billy off  
the floor and carry him screaming to Doctor Spivey's office  
as Big Nurse crosses into the nurses' station and picks up  
the phone as Candy eases her way into the day room and joins  
McMurphy.

A beat, then Miller starts herding the patients toward the  
washroom, staying clear of McMurphy and Bromden, who don't  
move.

McMurphy pulls the keys out of his pocket.

MCMURPHY  
(to Candy)  
Let's go!

McMurphy checks the nurses' station, sees Big Nurse is busy  
on the telephone.

MCMURPHY  
(to Bromden)  
Let's go, Chief...

McMurphy crosses to the window, followed by Bromden, Candy

and Rose, where he begins fumbling with the lock.

MILLER

as he herds the patients out of the day room. He turns to see McMurphy trying to open the screen. Miller crosses to McMurphy.

MILLER

Hey, what's gone here?

McMurphy turns around and punches Miller.

INT. NURSES' STATION - MORNING

as Big Nurse, still on the phone, sees Miller go sprawling across the floor. She grabs the intercom.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)

(through loudspeaker)

Washington! Warren! To the day room, immediately!

INT. DAY ROOM - MORNING

McMurphy opens the screen, raises the window, and helps Candy and Rose out as Washington and Warren converge on them. McMurphy and Bromden wheel around.

Washington, Warren and Miller appear around the corner, take one look, and head straight for McMurphy.

WASHINGTON

(stopping just short)

'Kay, let's have the keys an' nobody get hurt!

Washington's words are cut off as, O.S., Nurse Pilbow SCREAMS... a bloodcurdling scream. They turn to see Nurse Pilbow enter the nurses' station, her uniform splattered with blood, hysterically talking to Big Nurse (we can't hear her).

Big Nurse and Nurse Pilbow rush out of the nurses' station and head down the hallway.

McMurphy is glued to the spot.

CANDY

(calling from outside)

Come on, come on, let's go!

McMurphy hesitates, then moves across the day room toward the hallway.

INT. DOCTOR SPIVEY'S OFFICE - MORNING

CAMERA SHOOTING TOWARD the door, crammed full of patients, who stare at the scene with curious detached looks, as Big Nurse and Nurse Pilbow force their way through the patients. The crowd parts and Big Nurse stops in the doorway, horrified at what she sees. CAMERA HOLDS on Big Nurse's reaction. A

beat, then McMurphy appears alongside Big Nurse and is stricken by what he sees.

McMURPHY AND BIG NURSE'S POV - REVERSE SHOT - DOCTOR SPIVEY'S OFFICE

The office is splattered with blood. Billy is lying face up, hanging over Spivey's desk, dead. His throat and both wrists are cut. A broken picture frame, containing a photograph of Spivey's family, lies nearby.

MCMURPHY  
Billy, oh, Billy boy...

McMurphy crosses into the room and kneels alongside Billy's body. He gently lays his hand on Billy's face.

BIG NURSE  
Get away from him! Don't you dare  
touch him!

McMurphy turns and leaps at Big Nurse, grabbing her throat; he drives her into the Acutes and Nurse Pilbow.

INT. HALLWAY - MORNING

as McMurphy, Big Nurse, Nurse Pilbow and several Acutes go down, arms and legs intertwined, kicking, trying to get away as McMurphy strangles Big Nurse.

Nurse Pilbow screaming, as Washington, Warren, Miller rush in, trying to break his hold on Big Nurse's throat, her face turning blue. McMurphy's face, twisted by his passion, when Washington lands a rabbit punch and McMurphy's face relaxes as he passes out.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

MUSIC OVER LOUDSPEAKER. The day room is as it was in the beginning. Harding is dealing out a game of blackjack to Martini,

Scanlon, Cheswick and Fredrickson.

Taber, pencil in band, sits pondering over a blank sheet of paper.

Ruckly is turning a grimy photograph over in his hands.

Bancini sits wagging his head, mumbling over and over, "Tired... awful tired..." Ellis stands against the wall, arms outstretched.

HARDING (V.O.)  
(over last scene, in  
McMurphy's style)  
Okay, suckers, place your bets...

INT. HALLWAY - DAY

Bromden is mopping the floor near the security gate to the visitors' room, when a key hits the lock. Bromden looks up expectantly.

BROMDEN'S POV

as Sefelt and Miller enter the visitors' room, cross to the security gate and pass into the hallway. Bromden goes back to his mopping.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAY

as Sefelt jauntily enters the day room.

BIG NURSE (V.O.)  
(through loudspeaker)  
Did everything go well, Mister  
Sefelt?

Sefelt turns to the nurses' station where, inside, Big Nurse sits very erect, wearing a back brace that reaches up around her neck. Sefelt shows his teeth and gums to Big Nurse.

BIG NURSE (V.O.) (CONT'D)  
(through loudspeaker)  
That's very nice. Now, doesn't that  
make you feel better, Mister  
Sefelt?

SEFELT  
Yes, ma'am...

BIG NURSE  
Good...

She turns back to her work.

Sefelt crosses to the card game, where he sits and catches Fredrickson's attention; showing him his teeth. Fredrickson smiles at Sefelt and blows him a kiss.

HARDING  
(who has been dealing)  
Big Ace... a lovely lady... another  
ace... an' a little trey, hey, hey,  
whadaya say... hit or sit?

SCANLON  
Hit!

SEFELT  
(to Fredrickson)  
Ya know what, Fred?

FREDRICKSON  
What?

HARDING  
(dealing a card to  
Scanlon)

Big king, too bad...

SEFELT  
Just wait till you hear...

HARDING  
Hear what?

SEFELT  
McMurphy killed two attendants and  
escaped...

HARDING  
When?

SEFELT  
Yesterday...

HARDING  
Who told you that?

SEFELT  
Gary Blinker...

SCANLON  
Gary Blinker's fulla shit!

MARTINI  
He's not!

SCANLON  
He is!

Harding slams his card down on the table, rises and crosses  
to the nurses' station where he taps on the side window.

Big Nurse gets up, crosses to the window and slides it open.

BIG NURSE  
Yes, Mister Harding?

HARDING  
Is it true McMurphy killed two  
attendants and escaped yesterday?

BIG NURSE  
No. Mister Harding, that is not  
true.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. HALLWAY - LATE AFTERNOON

Bromden is squatting, leaning against the wall near the  
security gate to the visitors' room, when a KEY HITS THE  
LOCK. He looks up expectantly. This time it is McMurphy. Or  
what was McMurphy, for his head is bandaged, and his tongue  
hangs out of his mouth as he is led across the visitors' room  
by an ATTENDANT.

McMurphy shows Bromden no sign of recognition, which Bromden

pays no attention to, thinking McMurphy is putting on the same act he did when he came back from Electro-Shock Therapy.

Bromden joyously turns and runs down the hallway to the day room.

INT. DAY ROOM - LATE AFTERNOON

as Bromden crosses into the day room, gets a seat, and sits facing the hallway, bursting with expectation.

A long beat, then the Attendant appears with McMurphy and taps at the side door to the nurses' station.

The Acutes break off their card game and look at McMurphy; their faces hang open at his appearance.

Big Nurse crosses to the side door, opens it, and steps out into the day room. To the Attendant as she takes McMurphy by the arm:

BIG NURSE

Thank you...

ATTENDANT

Yes, ma'am...

The Attendant exits.

BIG NURSE

(to McMurphy)

Now, let's find you a place to sit,  
shall we, Mister McMurphy?

Big Nurse gently guides McMurphy to a seat on the Chronicles' side of the room.

Bromden can hardly contain himself as he waits for McMurphy to go into his act.

The Acutes have already absorbed the reality of McMurphy's condition as they exchange looks with each other.

FREDRICKSON

(whispering)

Lobotomy...

HARDING

Yeah...

SCANLON

Yeah, that Gary Blinker is fulla  
shit...

The Acutes turn back to their card game as Harding shuffles and deals the cards out.

Bromden keeps his eyes glued to Big Nurse and McMurphy.

BIG NURSE

(sitting McMurphy down)

Here now, you sit here... That's  
it...

Big Nurse pats McMurphy's face and crosses back to the  
nurses' station.

McMurphy just sits there, his head lolling to one side.

Bromden waits for McMurphy to go into his routine.

McMurphy just sits there.

Bromden snaps his fingers and slaps his thigh, then waits for  
McMurphy to follow suit.

McMurphy just sits there slobbering.

Bromden slaps his thigh again.

No response from McMurphy.

The MUSIC PLAYS ON.

DISSOLVE TO:

INT. MEN'S DORM - DAYBREAK

as Bromden stands by the window looking out. A long beat,  
then he turns into the room and looks around.

BROMDEN'S POV

The patients are all asleep. The new night attendant is fast  
asleep in the nurses' station.

Bromden quietly takes his pillow and goes to McMurphy's bed,  
where he kneels and puts his head very close to McMurphy's. A  
long beat as Bromden studies McMurphy's face.

BROMDEN

(whispering in McMurphy's  
ear)

When I first came here I was so  
scared of being lost I had to  
holler so they could track me... I  
figured anything was better than  
being lost...

On the last word, Bromden places his pillow over McMurphy's  
face and begins to suffocate him. McMurphy starts thrashing  
and Bromden lies full length on McMurphy. A long beat, then  
the thrashing ends. Bromden gets off McMurphy, replaces his  
pillow, and crosses down the aisle toward the day room.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAYBREAK

The night attendant continues to sleep as Bromden passes the  
nurses' station, heading for the tub room.

INT. TUB ROOM - DAWN



as Bromden crosses to the heavy machine which McMurphy had once tried to lift, sizes it up, then bends over and takes hold and heaves. The GRINDING WEIGHT is HEARD as Bromden exerts all his strength, slowly lifts the machine off the floor, balances it above his shoulders, then crosses out of the tub room.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAWN

as Bromden comes around the corner and past the sleeping night attendant in the nurses' station.

Bromden lines himself up with the window across the room, then starts toward it, picking up speed as he goes. Then, at the last moment, he stops and, with an enormous effort, he hurls the machine through the security screen and the window. A LOUD CRASH.

In the nurses' station, the night attendant starts awake and looks around. Too late as Bromden vaults through the window. CAMERA HOLDS on window as Bromden runs across the grounds and disappears into the pine trees.

INT. DAY ROOM - DAWN

as the night attendant comes out of the nurses' station and looks confusedly around. Then he spots the shattered window.

EXT. COUNTRYSIDE - EXTREME LONG SHOT - SUNRISE

Rolling hills, forests and distant mountains, bathed in sunlight, as Bromden runs across a far-off meadow.

CREDITS OVER.

THE END